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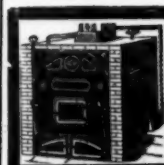


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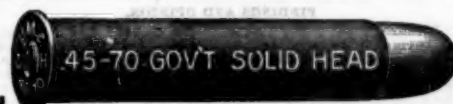
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DANIEL S. LAMONT, Secretary of War.

LEWIS A. GRANT, Assistant Secretary of War.

G. O. 62, H. Q. A., July 20, 1893.

I. By direction of the Secretary of War paragraph 715 of the Regulations (as amended by General Orders, No. 25, March 6, 1891, from this office), is further amended, and paragraph 716 is amended, to read as follows:

715. A voucher for articles purchased will specify the name and place of business or residence of the person from whom the purchase is made, the date of purchase, the quantity and price of each article, and the manner of the purchase.

A voucher for services by the day or month will state the nature of the service, the inclusive dates of service, the time for which payment is made, and the rate of pay.

A voucher for purchases or services, except where supplies are delivered or services rendered under formal written contracts, and except articles by the day or month, must have attached to it the "original bill" furnished by the person from whom the purchase was made or by whom the service was rendered, which bill will state the items of the account in detail and give the creditor's usual place of residence or business. Where the original bill is thus attached, the account on the face of the voucher may be stated in general terms, with the aggregate amount only extended, and the words "as per bill hereto attached," or words of like import, added. Where quantities are delivered or amounts due under formal written contracts, the same must be determined by duly authorized inspectors, and their certificates as to the facts must be filed with the vouchers to which they pertain. If such certificate does not appear the original bill should be attached to the voucher. Instead of furnishing an original bill for attachment to the voucher, a creditor may fill up the blank form of voucher with a statement of his account, certifying thereon as to its correctness. When he neither furnishes a bill nor makes out and certifies his account on the voucher, the disbursing officer will, by certificate, set forth the reasons for the omission.

A voucher for transportation services performed under public tariffs must have attached to it the original bill, except where only accomplished bills of lading, or transportation requests, as the case may be, are filed with the vouchers to which they pertain.

A voucher in the Quartermaster's or Subsistence Department for supplies not purchased under formal written contracts, but under public notice for bids, will be accompanied by a copy of the public notice, the accepted bid, and a copy of the letter of the purchasing officer accepting the bid, and will embody a certificate of such officer as to the time and manner of giving public notice, and as to the award being made to the lowest responsible bidder for the best and most suitable articles. In all cases where less than thirty days' public notice has been given, the voucher, whether the purchase is made under formal written contract or under bid and written acceptance, will contain a certificate of the purchasing officer setting forth that the needs of the service did not admit of a thirty days' public notice.

Vouchers filed in support of payments for telegraphic service, where the rates are fixed by the Postmaster-General, need not be accompanied by bills.

Where papers relating to two or more vouchers are required to accompany and under them, they will be filed with the first voucher paid, and reference thereto made on the other vouchers.

716. The correctness of the facts stated on a voucher and justice of an account must be vouched by the certificate of an officer.

II. By direction of the Secretary of War paragraph 1372 of the Regulations is amended to read as follows:

1372. When a company or smaller detachment is detached from a post or command, the company or detachment commander will be furnished by the company with a certificate setting forth the date to which, and by whom, rations were last issued to the enlisted men of the detached command. An enlisted man travelling under orders, to whom rations in kind have been issued, or commutation of rations has been allowed, to a certain time, will be furnished with a certified copy of the order for travel, with the fact of the issue or payment noted thereon.

The certificate or order will be presented to the commissary in from whom rations may next be drawn, who will transmit it, with his abstract of issues, to the Commissary General of Subsistence.

Enlisted men entitled to rations will be furnished with similar certificates.

By command of Maj.-Gen. Schofield:
R. WILLIAMS, Adjt.-Gen.

G. O. 64, H. Q. A., July 26, 1893.

I. The court of inquiry of which Colonel John S. Poland, 17th Infantry, is president, instituted, by direction of the President, in Special Orders, No. 114, May 20, 1893, Headquarters of the Army, Adjutant-General's Office, Washington, to inquire into the administration and transactions of Captain Jas. A. Hutton, 8th Infantry, while officer in charge of the post exchange at Fort McKinney, Wyoming, from October 14, 1890, to February 28, 1891, and to determine the extent of his pecuniary liability as such, having considered the evidence in connection with all the papers in the case, has reported its findings and opinion as hereafter stated.

FINDINGS AND OPINION.

The court of inquiry having summarized by tabulation the evidence brought before it, finds a balance of \$151.68 due the canteen of Fort McKinney, Wyoming. This does not take into account a credit claimed by Captain Hutton of \$181.73, an amount represented by cash checks collected by Captain Hutton in (a) exchange of bonds, which balance was improperly included in the cash totals of daily receipts turned over to him. The entries of cash received only from November 3 to December 21, 1890, show memoranda "cash checks" certain amounts. At this date it is impossible for the court of inquiry to determine whether these amounts are included in the totals of cash or not, and consequently it is preferable to give Captain Hutton the benefit of that doubt and credit him on the cash account with the total amounts, \$181.73, thus leaving an amount due the canteen from Captain Hutton of \$19.15.

It is in evidence that Captain Hutton frequently made small purchases of goods for the canteen and paid cash for them, and in his careless method of doing business he neither required itemized bills nor took receipts for them, and it is too evident that had he more exacting and pursued the proper method he could have presented vouchers for every item of indebtedness against him.

The conduct of Captain Hutton during this investigation has been open and of assistance in getting a clear understanding of the affairs of the business. And after a thorough and careful examination of the books, memoranda, etc., it has arrived at the opinion that no further action in this case is necessary.

II. The following are the orders of the War Department in the case:

WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, July 18, 1893.

The proceedings of a court of inquiry of which Colonel John S. Poland, 17th Infantry, is president, instituted, by direction of the President, in Special Orders, No. 114, May 20, 1893, Headquarters of the Army, Adjutant-General's Office, Washington, to inquire into the administration and transactions of Captain Jas. A. Hutton, 8th Infantry, while officer in charge of the post exchange at Fort McKinney, Wyoming, from October 14, 1890, to February 28, 1891, and to determine the extent of his pecuniary liability as such, having considered the evidence in connection with all the papers in the case, has reported its findings and opinion as hereafter stated.

The court having found a balance of \$151.68 due the post exchange at Fort McKinney, Wyoming, after admitting a credit of \$181.73 in favor of Captain Hutton, as it was thought proper by the court to give Captain Hutton the benefit of a doubt in connection with a transaction that did not admit of verification. All doubts in the premises having arisen directly from the careless methods of business followed by Captain Hutton and the post exchange council at Fort McKinney during the time covered by this investigation, it would seem that all doubtful questions in the case should have been determined against rather than in favor of the responsible officer.

While it appears conclusively that there was no intention to defraud the post exchange at Fort McKinney, Captain Hutton should bear in mind that even a shadow of a fault in connection with a financial trust is calculated to prejudice the Service, and should be carefully avoided by every officer of the Army.

The amount of the deficit as found by the court, \$19.15, will be made good by Captain Hutton to the post exchange at Fort McKinney.

L. A. GRANT,

Acting Secretary of War.

III. By direction of the Secretary of War the Court of Inquiry, of which Colonel John S. Poland, 17th Infantry, is president, is hereby dissolved.

By command of Maj.-Gen. Schofield.

R. WILLIAMS, Adjutant General.

G. O. 11, DEPT. TEXAS, July 20, 1893.

To secure uniformity, completeness and proper authentication, the records of previous convictions by summary courts to accompany charges against enlisted men, will hereafter be prepared on the blanks furnished for that purpose from these headquarters.

G. O. 14, DEPT. MISSOURI, July 21, 1893.

Major Frank H. Phipps, Ordnance Department, having reported to the department or commander in compliance with paragraph 10, Special Orders No. 153, current series, Headquarters of the Army, is announced as chief ordnance officer of the department.

By command of Maj.-Gen. Miles:
CHAUNCEY McKEEVER, Asst. Adjt.-Gen.

CORPS AND STAFF DEPARTMENTS.

General Officers.

Brig.-Gen. Merritt, accompanied by 1st Lieut. Samuel D. Sturges, A. D. C., will proceed to Fort Yellowstone, Wyo., and Fort Missoula, Mont., on public business (S. O. 101, July 14, D. Dak.).

Brig.-Gen. Wagoner, accompanied by 2d Lieut. G. T. Langhorne, 31 Cav., A. D. C., will proceed to Austin, Tex., and return, on public business (S. O. 85, July 24, D. Tex.).

Quartermasters and Subsistence Departments.

Major John V. Furey, Q. M., Chief Q. M., Dart, Dakota, will proceed to Fort Yellowstone, Wyo., and Forts Assiniboine and Missoula, Mont., on public business (S. O. 101, July 14, D. Dak.).

Leave for 20 days is granted Capt. Theodore E. True, A. Q. M. (S. O., July 22, H. Q. A.).

Leave for three months is granted Col. Henry C. Hodges, A. Q. M. G. (S. O., July 23, H. Q. A.).

Capt. Addison Barrett, military storekeeper, will, in addition to his present duties at the Jeffersonville depot of the Q. M. D., Ind., take charge of the office and duties of the depot Q. M. during the absence of Col. Henry C. Hodges, A. Q. M. G., on leave (S. O., July 25, H. Q. A.).

The U. O. West Point, N. Y., will grant a furlough for one month to Comd. Sgt. Edwin F. Ambrose, now on duty at that station (S. O., July 25, H. Q. A.).

Medical Departments.

Leave for one month, to take effect when his services can be spared at Fort Wingate, N. M., is granted Maj.-Gen. Louis M. Mau, surg., Walpole Bks., A. T. (S. O. 10, July 20, D. Colorado.).

The following changes in the stations and duties of officers are ordered: Capt. Wm. B. Davis, asst. surg., from duty at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, to Ft. Brown, Texas, for duty, relieving Capt. George H. Torney, asst. surg., who will take station at Philadelphia, Pa., as attending surgeon and examiner of recruits at that place (S. O., July 23, H. Q. A.).

Leave for ten days is granted Maj.-Gen. Valery Harvard, surg. (S. O., July 22, H. Q. A.).

Capt. W. R. Fisher, asst. surg., will proceed to Fort Hamilton and report for duty with Light Art. K, 1st Art., on its practice march to Peekskill, N. Y., and return to Fort Hamilton (S. O. 159, July 25, D. East.).

Par. 16, S. O. 100, July 15, 1893, H. Q. A., is amended to read as follows: 1st Lieut. Joseph E. Clarke, asst. surg., will proceed from Camp Poplar River, Mont., upon the abandonment of that post, to Fort Omaha, Neb., for duty (S. O., July 25, H. Q. A.).

The following transfer to the Hospital Corps, change of station, and assignments to duty of enlisted men therein are made: Pvt. Carl Bauk, Troop C, 8th Cav., now at Ft. Meade, S. D., is transferred to the Hospital Corps as a private; Hospl. Steward Patrick McGloin, now at the Military Prison, Fort Leavenworth, Kas., is transferred to Fort Ringgold, Tex. (S. O., July 20, H. Q. A.).

The following transfers and assignments to duty of enlisted men of the Hospital Corps are made: Act. Hospl. Steward Thomas J. Walker and Pvt. John C. Johnston, now supposed to be at Ft. Brown, Texas, are assigned to that post; Pvt. John W. Ward, now en route to Fort Hancock, Texas, with Troop C, 7th Cav., is assigned to that post; Pvt. Emmett L. Radford, now on furlough duty at Salinas, Texas, is assigned to Fort Ringgold, Texas; Pvt. John A. Porter and John Carroll, now at Fort McIntosh, Texas, are assigned to that post (S. O., July 22, H. Q. A.).

Pvt. Louis H. Ellis, Bat. K, 2d Art., is transferred to the Hospital Corps as a private (S. O., July 24, H. Q. A.).

Engineer and Ordnance Departments.

Leave is granted as follows: One month, Col. Cyrus B. Comstock, C. E.; one month, to take effect on or about Aug. 15, to Maj.-Gen. Alexander M. Miller, C. E.; one month, to take effect about Sept. 15, with permission to apply for an extension of one month,

to Capt. Richard L. Hoxie, C. E.; fourteen days, to take effect on or about July 29, to Capt. Wm. Black, C. E. (S. O. 90, July 24, C. E.).

So much of S. O. 90, Jan. 13, 1893, H. Q. A., as directed Ord. Sergt. Wm. W. Vogel to proceed from Ft. Gaines, Ala., to Fort Grant, A. T., is revoked. Having relinquished the unexpired portion of the furlough granted him, he will proceed to Fort Grant, A. T., for duty (S. O., July 26, H. Q. A.).

Signal Corps.

1st Lieut. Frank Greene, S. C., having been relieved from duty as chief signal officer, Dept. Colorado, will discontinue the duties of A. C. S. at the headquarters (S. O. 8, July 17, D. Colorado.).

Sergt. Walter L. Clarke, S. C., will proceed from Chicago, Ill., to Terre Haute, Ind., for temporary duty in connection with the annual camp of instruction of the Indiana National Guard, from July 21 to 27, inclusive (S. O. 75, July 18, D. Mo.).

Chaplains.

The leave granted Post Chaplain Patrick J. H. is extended ten days (S. O. 101, July 14, D. Dak.).

Leave for one month, to take effect about July 15, with permission to apply for an extension of one month and twenty days, is granted Post Chaplain Delmer R. Lowell (S. O. 76, July 20, D. Mo.).

THE LINE.

The Stations of Companies not mentioned here will be found by reference to last number of the JOURNAL.

1st Cavalry, Colonel Abraham K. Arnold.

Hqrs., C. F. G. H. and K, Ft. Grant; D, Ft. Apache, and I, Ft. Bayard, N. M.; F, Ft. Custer, Mont.; A, Ft. Myer, Va.; E, S. O. 100, Indian troops.

The following appointments were made on July 18: In Troop A—Farrier Thorwald Foss, sergeant; on Sampson, reduced. In Troop E—Lance Corporal Wm. B. Inbridge, corporal, vice Reuter, discharged (Orders 44, July 18, Fort Grant, A. T.).

2d Lieut. S. P. Adams will proceed to Ft. Apache, A. T., for temporary duty with Troop D (S. O. July 18, D. Colo.).

2nd Cavalry, Colonel George G. Hunt.

Hqrs., A, C, D, G, H, and I, Ft. Wingate, N. M.; E and F, Ft. Huachuca, Ariz.; B and J, Ft. Bowie, Ariz.; Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.—Indian troops.

The leave granted 2d Lieut. Cornelius C. Smith extended 23 days (S. O. 7, July 15, D. Colo.).

3rd Cavalry, Colonel Anson Mills.

Hqrs., A, B and K, Ft. Reno, O. T.; C, E, F, G, H, I, J, Ft. Riley, Kas.; D and L, Ft. Sill, O. T.; D, Ft. Supply, I. T.; Ft. Meade, Cal.—Indian troops. 1st d. s. Sequoia National Park, 21st Troop to National Park.

The following transfers are made: 2d Lieut. John P. Ryan, from Troop B to M, and John Rice, from Troop M to B (S. O., July 22, H. Q. A.).

4th Cavalry, Colonel Chas. E. Compton.

Hqrs., A, D, H and L, Ft. Walla Walla, Wash.; C, Ft. Well, Cal.; G, Ft. Sherman, Idaho; E, Vancouver Bks., Wyo.; F, Boise Bks., Idaho; B, I, J, K, and M, President of San Francisco, Cal.—Indian troops. 1st d. s. Sequoia National Park, 21st Troop to National Park.

2d Lieut. Wm. H. Hart will proceed to Ft. Keokuk, Mont., on Aug. 7, as competitor in the cavalry competition to be held at that post on Aug. 14 (S. O. July 17, D. Columbia.).

2d Lieut. Milton F. Davis will proceed to Bellevue, R. R. Range, Bellevue, Neb., by Aug. 7, as competitor in the cavalry competition (S. O. 63, July 17, D. Cal.).

Sergt. H. Trautvetter, Troop I, now with his troop at the Yosemite National Park, Cal., will proceed to the Bellevue R. R. Range, Bellevue, Neb., Aug. 7, as a competitor in the cavalry competition (S. O., July 19, D. Cal.).

5th Cavalry, Colonel James F. Wade.

Hqrs., C and D, Ft. McIntosh, Tex.; A and B, Ft. Houston, Tex.; E, Ft. Clark, Tex.; F, Camp Eagle Pass, Tex.; G and I, Ft. Dingo, Tex.; H and J, Ft. Brown, Tex.; L, Ft. Reno, Okla. F.—Indian troops.

2d Lieut. E. B. Winans, Jr., selected as competitor in the cavalry competition at Fort Wingate, N. M., will proceed to that point on Aug. 7 (S. O. 82, July 19, D. Tex.).

Capt. Albert E. Woodson is detailed as acting Indian agent at the Cheyenne and Arapahoe Agency, Oklahoma. He will be relieved from recruiting duty at Louisville, Ky., at the earliest practicable date (S. O., July 24, H. Q. A.).

6th Cavalry, Colonel David S. Gordon.

Hqrs., A, E, G, H, K, and L, Ft. Niobrara, Neb.; C, Ft. McPherson, Wyo.; D and I, Fort Yellowstone, Wyo.; F, Ft. Washakie, Wyo.; Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.—Indian troops.

Leave for one month, to take effect on or about Sept. 1, is granted Capt. Frank West, Fort Niobrara, Neb., with permission to apply for an extension of one month (S. O. 63, July 17, D. Platte.).

Leave for one month, to take effect when his services can be spared by his post commander, is granted 2d Lieut. Robert L. Howze, Fort Niobrara, Neb. (S. O. 63, July 17, D. Platte.).

Capt. Wm. Baird will be relieved from duty pertaining to the World's Columbian Exposition and will proceed to join his troop (S. O., July 24, H. Q. A.).

Maj.-Gen. Tullius C. Tupper, having been found an Army retiring and incapacitated for active service on account of disability incident to the service, is retired from active service (S. O., July 24, H. Q. A.).

7th Cavalry, Colonel James W. Forsyth.

Hqrs., A, E, H and I, Ft. Riley, Kas.; B and K, Ft. Sheridan, Minn.; C, Ft. Hancock, Tex.; D, Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.; Ft. Myer, Va.; G, Ft. Clark, Tex.; L, Ft. Sill, Okla. F.—Indian troops.

Leave for one month, with permission to apply for an extension of two months, is granted 2d Lieut. Hugh L. Scott (S. O. 76, July 20, D. Mo.).

Leave for one month, to commence about July 25, is granted Lieut. Col. Guy V. Henry (S. O. 157, July 22, D. East.).

Leave for ten days is granted Major Theodore Baldwin (S. O. 77, July 22, D. Mo.).

S. O. 76, D. Mo., granting leave to 1st Lieut. H. L. Scott, is revoked (S. O. 77, July 22, D. Mo.).

8th Cavalry, Colonel Caleb H. Carlton.

Hqrs., A, B, C, E, I, and K, Ft. Meade, S. D.; D, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; L, Ft. Scott, Mont.; F and G, Ft. M. D.; H, Ft. Myer, Va.—Indian troops.

The leave granted Capt. Edward A. Gouwin extended two months (S. O., July 21, H. Q. A.).

9th Cavalry, Colonel James Biddle.

Hdqs., A. D. E. F. G. and I. Ft. Robinson, Neb.; H. and H. Ft. Du Chene, Utah; C. Ft. McKinney, Wyo.; K. Fort Myer, Va.

The leave for seven days granted 1st Lieut. James W. Benton is extended two days (S. O. 157, July 22, D. East.)

10th Cavalry, Colonel John E. Mizer.

Hdqs., H. E. G. and K. Ft. Ouster, Mont.; Can. Ft. Assiniboine, Mont.; I. Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; D. and H. Ft. Buford, N. D.; A. Ft. Keogh, Mont.

2d Lieut. Wm. T. Littlebrast, having reported at Dept. of Dakota headquarters while en route to join his troop, will proceed to Fort Buford, N. D., for duty with Troop H (S. O. 102, July 15, D. Dak.).

Leave for one month, with permission to apply for an extension of seven days, is granted 1st Lieut. Samuel D. Rokenbach, Fort Buford, N. D. (S. O. 106, July 19, D. Dak.).

The leave granted 2d Lieut. George E. Stockie is extended one month (S. O., July 23, H. Q. A.).

1st Artillery, Colonel Leomis L. Langdon.

Hdqs., A. G. I. and K. Ft. Hamilton, N. Y.; C. D. and L. Ft. Adams, Me.; E. Ft. Warren, Mass.; A. and H. Ft. Columbus, N. Y.; F. Ft. Monroe, Va.; Light battery.

Leave for one month, on surgeon's certificate, with permission to apply for an extension of one month, is granted 1st Lieut. Thomas C. Patterson (S. O. 160, July 26, D. East.).

2d Lieut. Frank E. Harris is assigned to take charge of Fort Wood during the absence for rifle practice of Co. A, 6th Inf., at Fort Niagara, N. Y. (S. O. 161, July 27, D. East.).

2nd Artillery, Colonel Richard Ledor.

Hdqs., C. G. and M. Ft. Adams, R. I.; H. Ft. Tremblay, Conn.; F. Ft. Proble, Me.; E. and D. Ft. Warren, Mass.; A. and F. Ft. Juley, Kas.; I. Ft. Monroe, Va.; H. and L. Ft. Schuyler, N. Y.; Light battery.

Capt. Robert M. Rogers will proceed to Fort Adams and report to 1st Lieut. Lotus Niles, J. A. of the G. C. M. in session at that post, as witness in the case of Pvt. August Claus, Bat. E. (S. O. 153, July 24, D. East.).

Leave for 20 days, to commence about Aug. 3, is granted 2d Lieut. Daniel W. Ketoonam (S. O. 161, July 27, D. East.).

The C. O. of Fort Adams, R. I., will send a competent artillery sergeant to Fort McClary, Me., for temporary duty as acting ordnance sergeant to relieve Sergt. John J. McCarthy, Bat. E. at Fort Preble (S. O. 161, July 27, D. East.).

3rd Artillery, Colonel La Rhett L. Livingston.

Hdqs., D. E. I. K. and L. Ft. McPherson, Ga.; C. Ft. Washington, D. C.; A. and G. Ft. Barrancas, Fla.; E. Key West, Fla.; H. and M. Ft. Monroe, Va.; F. Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.; Light battery.

Leave for 20 days, to take effect Aug. 17, is granted 1st Lieut. Sedgewick Pratt (S. O., July 21, H. Q. A.).

Leave for eight days is granted 1st Lieut. Charles G. Woodward (S. O. 158, July 24, D. East.).

4th Artillery, Colonel Henry W. Closson.

Hdqs., A. G. I. and M. Ft. Washington, D. C.; B. Ft. Adams, Me.; C. D. and L. Ft. Adams, Me.; E. Ft. Proble, Me.; F. Ft. Juley, Kas.; H. and K. Ft. Monroe, Va.; Light battery.

Leave for one month, to take effect after the return to Fort McHenry, Md., of Bat. D, from its tour of artillery practice at Fort Monroe, is granted 1st Lieut. Clarence Deems (S. O. 157, July 22, D. East.).

5th Artillery, Colonel William M. Graham.

Hdqs., B. D. F. H. K. and L. Presidio of San Francisco, Cal.; M. Ft. Mason, Cal.; A. and C. Ft. Canby, Wash.; E. and I. Alcatraz Island, Cal.; G. Ft. Monroe, Va.; Light battery.

The leave granted Major John A. Darling is extended 12 days (S. O., July 21, H. Q. A.).

The extension of leave granted 1st Lieut. Garland N. Whistler is further extended six months (S. O., July 26, H. Q. A.).

The leave granted 2d Lieut. Thomas W. Winston is extended one month (S. O., July 25, H. Q. A.).

1st Infantry, Colonel William R. Shafter.

Hdqs., A. B. D. G. and H. Angel Island, Cal.; C. E. and F. Benicia Bks., Cal.

Leave for one month, to take effect on or about Aug. 20, is granted 1st Lieut. Charles G. Starr, recruiting officer (S. O., July 22, H. Q. A.).

2nd Infantry, Colonel John C. Bates.

Hdqs., A. B. C. D. E. F. G. H. and I. Ft. Omaha, Neb.; Indian company.

Leave for ten days is granted Capt. John K. Waring, Fort Omaha, Neb. (S. O. 68, July 17, D. Platte.).

The leave granted Capt. Wm. M. Wright, adjt., is extended 15 days (S. O., July 21, H. Q. A.).

Leave for one month is granted 1st Lieut. J. S. Mallory, aide-de-camp (S. O. 85, July 24, D. Tex.).

Capt. Luther S. Ames, having served over 30 years in the Army, is retired from active service (S. O., July 26, H. Q. A.).

3rd Infantry, Colonel Edwin C. Mason.

Hdqs., A. B. D. E. F. G. H. and I. Ft. Snelling, Minn.; C. and F. Ord. S. at World's Fair, Chicago; Indian company.

1st Lieut. Charles D. Dwyer is relieved from duty as range officer in connection with the Annual Department Rifle and Cavalry Competitions (S. O. 68, July 17, D. Platte.).

1st Lieut. Francis P. Fremont will be relieved from further duty in the Dept. of the East, Aug. 1, and will then proceed to join his company (S. O., July 24, H. Q. A.).

5th Infantry, Colonel Nathan W. Osborne.

Hdqs., C. and D. St. Francis Bks., Fla.; E. and H. Mt. Vernon Bks., Ala.; A. Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; B. and G. Jackson Bks., La.; F. Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.

Co. H is relieved from duty at Jackson Barracks and will proceed to Mt. Vernon Barracks (Orders 60 Jackson Bks.).

Leave for one month, to take effect Sept. 1, is granted 1st Lieut. Frank G. Kalk (S. O., July 21, H. Q. A.).

6th Infantry, Colonel James J. Van Horn.

Hdqs., A. E. and H. Ft. McKinnon, Wyo.; C. and D. Ft. Robinson, Neb.; F. and I. Ft. Washakie, Wyo.; H. and G. Ft. Niobrara, Neb.; Indian company.

2d Lieut. Frank Owen is assigned to temporary duty at Fort Leavenworth, Kas., until Sept. 1 (S. O., July 22, H. Q. A.).

Leave for one month, to take effect upon the expiration of his present leave, is granted Major Francis E. Lacey (S. O., July 26, H. Q. A.).

9th Infantry, Colonel Charles G. Bartlett.

Hdqs., B. C. D. E. F. and G. Madison Bks., N. Y.; H. Plattburgh Bks., A. Fort Ontario, N. Y.; I. Ft. Barrancas, Fla.; Indian company.

All of the companies of the 9th have now completed their small arms practice at Fort Niagara and have returned to Madison Barracks; D and F (Baldwin's and McCaleb's) this week.

Leave for one month, to commence about Aug. 10, with permission to apply for an extension of one month, is granted Major Geo. B. Russell (S. O. 157, July 22, D. East.).

Leave for one month, with permission to apply for an extension of three months, is granted Lieut. Col. Jacob Kline (S. O., July 25, H. Q. A.).

10th Infantry, Colonel Edward P. Pearson.

Hdqs., B. and D. Ft. Marcy, N. M.; A. and F. Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; C. San Diego Bks., Cal.; E. and G. Ft. Stanton, N. M.; H. Ft. Wingate, N. M.

1st Lieut. John H. Shollenberger is detailed as recruiting officer at San Diego Bks., Cal. (S. O. 62, July 12, D. Cal.).

1st Lieut. Lucius L. Durfee will proceed from Ft. Marcy, N. M., to Fort Apache, A. T., for temporary duty as A. Q. M. A. C. S. and commanding Indian scouts (S. O. 9, July 18, D. Colo.).

2d Lieut. George S. Harrison is detailed as range officer, vice 2d Lieut. S. P. Adams, 1st Cav., relieved, and will proceed to Fort Bayard, N. M., not later than Aug. 14 (S. O. 9, July 18, D. Colo.).

11th Infantry, Colonel Isaac D. DeRussy.

Hdqs., A. C. D. and G. Whipple Barracks, A. T.; B. and E. San Carlos, A. T.; F. H. and I. Ft. Apache, A. T.; Indian company.

Leave for two months, to take effect on or about Aug. 15, is granted 1st Lieut. Jonas A. Emery, R. Q. M. (S. O., July 21, H. Q. A.).

2d Lieut. Eugene A. Loveridge will proceed at once from Whipple Barracks to Fort Apache, A. T., for temporary duty as A. Q. M. A. C. C. and commanding Indian scouts (S. O. 7, July 15, D. Colo.).

Leave for two months, to take effect from the date of his relief as Indian agent, is granted Capt. Geo. Le R. Brown (S. O., July 25, H. Q. A.).

12th Infantry, Colonel Edwin F. Townsend.

Hdqs., B. and G. Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; A. F. and H. Ft. Yates, N. D.; C. and D. Ft. Salit, S. D.; I. Mt. Vernon Bks., Ala.; Indian company.

Capt. Harry L. Haskell, Fort Yates, N. D., will proceed to Davids Island, N. Y. H., to conduct a detachment of recruits for the 12th and 20th Infantry to the Dept. of Dakota (S. O. 103, July 17, D. Dak.).

The leave granted Col. Edwin F. Townsend is extended 10 days (S. O., July 24, H. Q. A.).

13th Infantry, Colonel Montgomery Bryant.

Hdqs., C. G. and G. Ft. Hill, Okla. T.; A. and D. Fort Reno, O. T. B. and H. Ft. Supply, I. T.; F. Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.

1st Lieut. Marion B. Saffold is detailed as J. A. of the G. C. M. convened at Fort Supply, I. T. (S. O. 77, July 22, D. Mo.).

Capt. Wm. Auman is relieved from duty as member of the G. C. M. convened by S. O. 73, D. Mo. (S. O. 77, July 22, D. Mo.).

Leave for ten days, commencing July 20, is granted Capt. Wm. Auman (S. O. 77, July 22, D. Mo.).

14th Infantry, Colonel Thomas M. Anderson.

Hdqs., A. S. C. D. E. and G. Vancouver Bks., Wash.; F. Ft. Townsend, Wash.; H. Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.

16th Infantry, Colonel Matthew M. Blunt.

Hdqs., A. B. C. D. E. F. G. H. and I. Ft. Douglas, Utah; Indian company.

2d Lieut. John C. Grege is detailed as a member of the G. C. M. convened at Fort Douglas, Utah, vice 1st Lieut. Walter A. Thurston, relieved (S. O. 10, July 20, D. Colo.).

The leave granted 1st Lieut. Walter A. Thurston is extended 23 days with permission to apply for a further extension not to exceed Sept. 1 (S. O. 10, July 20, D. Colo.).

17th Infantry, Colonel John S. Poland.

Hdqs., A. B. C. D. E. F. G. and H. Ft. D. Russell, Wyo.

2d Lieut. Joseph L. Donovan, Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo., will report to Capt. Wm. V. Richards, 16th Inf., at the Department Rifle Camp, near Bellevue, Neb., Aug. 1, for duty as range officer (S. O. 68, July 17, D. Platte.).

18th Infantry, Colonel Henry M. Laselle.

Hdqs., A. B. C. D. G. and H. Ft. Clark, Tex.; E. Ft. Ringgold, Tex.; F. Ft. McIntosh, Tex.

Leave for one month is granted Capt. O. B. Warwick (S. O. 81, July 17, D. Tex.).

So much of S. O. 149, A. G. O., July 1, 1893, as details 1st Lieut. E. E. Hatch as acting Indian agent at the Cheyenne and Arapahoe Agency, Oklahoma, is revoked (S. O., July 24, H. Q. A.).

Leave for three months, to take effect between Aug. 10 and 31, is granted 2d Lieut. Wm. F. Grote (S. O., July 25, H. Q. A.).

The leave granted 1st Lieut. Everard E. Hatch is extended three months on surgeon's certificate (S. O., July 26, H. Q. A.).

19th Infantry, Colonel Simon Snyder.

Hdqs., A. E. G. and H. Ft. Wayne, Mich.; B. D. and F. Ft. Brady, Mich.; C. Ft. Mackinac, Mich.

Leave for one month, to take effect about Aug. 1, is granted 2d Lieut. Thomas G. Hanson (S. O. 75, July 18, D. Mo.).

The headquarters, band, and available portions of the four companies of the 19th Infantry stationed at Fort Wayne, Mich., under command of Col. Simon Snyder, will proceed, by marching, to Island Lake, near Brighton, Mich., and encamp at that place with the Michigan State Troops for the purpose of instruction and drill, commencing the movement so as to arrive at the camp in time to participate in the opening of the camp on Aug. 10 (S. O. 74, July 17, D. Mo.).

20th Infantry, Colonel Elwell S. Otis.

Hdqs., A. B. D. E. F. G. and H. Ft. Assiniboine, Mont.; C. Fort Buford, N. D.; Indian company.

1st Lieut. Harry C. Hale, acting engineer officer of the Department, will proceed to Fort Missoula, Mont., on public business (S. O. 101, July 14, D. Dak.).

Leave for 15 days, to take effect about Aug. 1, is granted 2d Lieut. Marcus D. Cronin, Camp Poplar River, Mont. (S. O. 101, July 14, D. Dak.).

1st Lieut. Edwin H. Webber is detailed as recruiting officer at Camp Poplar River, Mont., vice 1st Lieut. F. V. Krug, relieved (S. O. 105, July 19, D. Dak.).

Leave for two months, on surgeon's certificate, is granted 2d Lieut. Harry D. Humphrey (S. O., July 24, H. Q. A.).

21st Infantry, Colonel Horace Jewett.

Hdqs., A. C. and E. Ft. Niagara, N. Y.; B. and H. Ft. Porter, N. Y.; D. F. G. and I. Ft. Sidney, Neb.; Indian company.

1st Lieut. Charles H. Bonesteel is detailed for duty on General Recruiting Service, for the Dept. of the Platte, at Fort Sidney, Neb., in place of 1st Lieut. Charles G. Dwyer, 3d Inf., relieved (S. O. 69, July 30, D. Platte.).

22nd Infantry, Colonel Peter T. Swaine.

Hdqs., A. B. C. D. F. G. and H. Ft. Keogh, Mont.; E. Fort Pembina, N. D.

24th Infantry, Colonel Zenas R. Bliss.

Hdqs., D. E. F. and G. Ft. Bayard, N. M.; A. B. C. and H. Ft. Huachuca, A. T.

The following transfers are made: Capt. Lewis Johnson, from Co. I to G. and John L. Bullis, from Co. G to I (S. O., July 21, H. Q. A.).

1st Lieut. Wm. Black is relieved from duty at Columbus Bks., Ohio, to take effect Aug. 24, and will proceed to Fort Leavenworth, Kas., by Sept. 1 (S. O. 155, July 19, Rec. Ser.).

25th Infantry, Colonel Andrew S. Burt.

Hdqs., F. G. and H. Ft. Missoula, Mont.; A. and D. Ft. Ouster, Mont.; B. C. and E. Ft. Buford, N. D.

1st Lieut. Henry A. Leonhauser, adjt., is detailed as recruiting officer at Fort Missoula, Mont., vice 1st Lieut. John McMartin relieved (S. O. 105, July 19, D. Dak.).

The following courts have been ordered:

At Fort Douglas, Utah, July 24, Detail: Lieut. Col. Wm. H. Penrose, Capt. Charles H. Noble, George H. Palmer, Wm. V. Richards, Theophilus W. Morrison, Samuel R. Whitall, Thomas C. Woodbury, Leven C. Allen and Wm. C. McFarland, 1st Lieut. A. Richard R. Steedman, Walter A. Thurston, Wm. A. Johnston, Jr., and Chas. P. George, 16th Inf., and 1st Lieut. Chas. R. Tyler, adjt., 16th Inf., J. A. (S. O. 5, July 17, D. Colo.).

Major Theodore A. Baldwin, 7th Cav., is detailed as a member of the G. C. M. appointed to meet at Ft. Reno, O. T., on July 31, vice Maj. Clarence M. Bailey, 15th Inf., relieved (S. O. 75, July 18, D. Mo.).

At Fort Clark, Tex., July 24, Detail: Capt. C. R. Paul, and C. H. Potter, 18th Inf.; H. S. Kilbourner, adjt. surg.; H. H. Adams and John Anderson, 1st Lieut. F. M. M. Ball, 2d Lieut. W. F. Grote, 18th Inf., and 1st Lieut. G. D. Moore, 18th Inf., J. A. (S. O. 3, July 22, D. Tex.).

At Fort Niobrara, Neb., July 24, Detail: Major Adam Kramer, 6th Cav.; Capt. Chas. Porter, 8th Inf.; Wm. Mt. Wallace, Henry M. Kendall and Benjamin H. Caeveer, 1st Lieut. A. Gustus P. Blockson, 2d Lieut. G. O. McK. Williamson, Chas. D. Rhoades, 6th Cav., and Wm. W. Haney, 8th Inf., and 1st Lieut. Alonzo Gray, 6th Cav., J. A. (S. O. 69, July 20, D. Platte.).

At Ft. Bliss, Tex., July 24, Detail: Maj. James H. Hinton, 2d Inf.; Capt. B. D. Taylor, adjt. surg., and C. H. Watts, 5th Cav.; 1st Lieut. J. E. Myers, 3d Art.; S. A. Dyer and R. R. Stevens, 2d Inf.; 3d Lieut. J. G. Ord 18th Inf., and 1st Lieut. C. L. Steele, 18th Inf., J. A. (S. O. 83, July 30, D. Tex.).

Capt. John Anderson, 18th Inf., is relieved as a member of the G. C. M. appointed at Fort Clark, Tex., and 1st Lieut. A. N. Starn, adjt. surg., is detailed in his stead (S. O. 94, July 22, D. Tex.).

At the Military Prison, Fort Leavenworth, Kas., July 27.

Detail: Maj. Joseph T. Haskell, 24th Inf.; Capt. David J. Craigie, 12th Inf.; Samuel M. Swiger, 2d Cav.; Gregory Barrett, 10th Inf.; Edward L. Randall, 5th Inf.; John F. Stryker, 10th Inf., and Wm. H. Carter, 1st Lieut. F. Oederick, 8th Cav., 8th Cav.; Carter P. Johnson, 10th Cav.; Frank F. Eastman, 14th Inf., and Chas. W. Farner, 8th Cav.; 1st Lieut. James A. Ryan, 16th Cav., and Alfred W. Dew, 14th Inf., and Capt. Knott H. Crowder, A. J. A., J. A. (S. O., July 22, H. Q. A.).

Examinations for Promotion.

A Board of Officers is appointed to meet at Fort Leavenworth, Kas., Sept. 1, for the final examination for promotion of such enlisted men as may be ordered before it. Detail: Lieut. Col. John N. Andrews, 25th Inf.; Major Camille C. Carr, 8th Cav.; Capt. John M. Baister, adjt. surg.; Charles Richard, adjt. surg., and James F. Farnance, 18th Inf., and 1st Lieut. Michael J. O'Brien, 5th Inf., recorder. The following enlisted men will report before the above board: Sergt. M. J. Frank E. Bamford, 2d Inf.; Sergt. Joseph R. Biers, Co. D, 7th Inf., and Allyn K. O'Brien, Troop B, 4th Cav.; Corp. Frank H. Lawton, Co. F, 14th Inf.; Pvt. Wm. A. Mulley, Troop A, 1st Cav., and 1st Sgt. Fredrick L. Knudsen, Co. F, 13th Inf. (S. O., July 22, H. Q. A.).

Army Boards.

A Board of Survey, to consist of Maj. H. C. Hasbrouck and Capt. J. P. Story, 4th Art., and J. M. Davis, 1st Art., will meet at Fort Monroe to report upon the condition of the standard of silver colors of the Artillery School Battalion (G. O. 94, Artillery School.).

Retirements of Enlisted Men.

The following enlisted men, now at the stations designated after their respective names, are placed upon the retired list: 1st Sergt. Richard Albrecht, Co. H, 12th Inf., Fort Yates, N. D.; Pvt. John J. Sampson, Troop A, 1st Cav., Fort Myer, Va.; Sergt. Herman Volmer, Co. G, 8th Inf., Fort Thomas, Ky., and 1st Sergt. John S. Campbell, General Service, Columbus Bks., Ohio (S. O., July 25, H. Q. A.).

CHAPLAIN DELMER R. LOWELL, U. S. Army, left Fort Riley, Kas., this week, to spend the remainder of the summer on leave.

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER E. D. TAUNSIG, Lts. S. A. Stanton and N. E. Niles registered at the Navy Department this week.

The following promotions in the cavalry arm ensue from the retirement this week of Maj. T. C. Tupper, 6th Cav., and the death of Lt. P. H. Clarke, 10th Cav.: Capt. Thos. C. Lebo to be major, 6th Cav., vice Tupper; 1st Lt. R. D. Reed, Jr., to be captain, 10th Cav., vice Lebo; 2d Lt. Wm. H. Hay, 3d Cav., to be 1st lieutenant, 10th Cav., vice Clarke, deceased; 2d Lt. J. E. Nolan, 4th Cav., to be 1st lieutenant, 10th Cav., vice Reed.

The retirement July 26, under the 30 years' service law, of Capt. L. C. Ames, 2d Inf., causes the following promotions: 1st Lt. E. K. Webster, A. Q. M., 2d Inf., to be captain, 2d Inf., vice Ames, retired; 2d Lt. Julius A. Penn, Jr., 13th Inf., to be 1st lieutenant, 2d Inf., unless a second is appointed A. Q. M., vice Webster.

One hundred and fifty new applications for the coming vacancy in the grade of major in the A. A. G. Dept. have been received up to date.

PERSONAL ITEMS.

Mrs. A. S. Halstead, wife of Assistant Engineer A. S. Halstead, U. S. N., is at Winslow, Camden Co., New Jersey.

COMMANDER GREENLEAF CILLEY, U. S. N., registered at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York, early in the week.

CAPTAIN E. E. POTTER, U. S. N., left Norfolk, Va., July 29 for Philadelphia, Pa., where he goes on duty at the Naval Home.

CHIEF NAVAL CONSTRUCTOR A. DISTRIKH, of the German Navy, is a recent guest at the Hotel Cambridge, New York City.

REAR ADMIRAL D. L. BRAINE, U. S. N., retired, has left Brooklyn for a visit to Stamford, N. Y., where he is stopping at Churchill Hall.

Mrs. WINGATE, wife of Comdr. Geo. E. Wingate, U. S. N., is the guest of her mother, Mrs. John R. Holbrook, Court street, Portsmouth, N. H.

SURGEON P. A. LOVERING, U. S. N., is a recent guest at the Grand Hotel, New York City; Ensign G. W. Williams at the Sturtevant House.

Mrs. CAROLINE A. EBBEN, the wife of Admiral Ebbesen, who has been visiting in Schenectady, N. Y., sails on the Berlin for Southampton, August 5.

CHIEF CONSTRUCTOR HICHBORN, U. S. N., will not leave Washington until after the extra session of Congress is well underway with the business of the session.

COMMANDER BOWMAN H. MCCALLA, U. S. N., has returned to Washington and has taken up his residence at the corner of 20th street and Massachusetts avenue.

LIEUTENANT C. M. MCCARTENEY, U. S. N., is rusticated in the country during the hot weather, and will not return until some time in the fall. He is accompanied by Mrs. McCarteneay and his boy.

The pleasant home of Surg. H. G. Beyer, U. S. N., on Connecticut avenue, Washington, is on the list of "Houses To Let," and will probably be occupied by a prominent Congressman the coming winter.

The severe illness of Chaplain J. K. Lewis, U. S. Navy, of the Mare Island Navy-yard, will probably result in his detachment from that station and the orders of Chaplain Frank Thompson to the vacancy.

CIVIL ENGINEER AND Mrs. A. G. MENOCAL, U. S. Navy, have given up their residence in Washington and taken up the official house at the Norfolk Navy-yard, where Mr. Menocal has been assigned to duty.

A large party of the friends of Chief Naval Constructor Hicbhorn accompanied by the Marine band visited him on Saturday night and congratulated him upon his recent appointment as Chief of the Bureau of Construction and Repair.

LIEUTENANT N. J. K. PATCH, U. S. N., after a three years' tour of duty on the cruiser *Charleston*, has taken an extended leave, and is now enjoying his well earned rest in East Somerville, Mass. His address, until further orders, is 64 Myrtle St.

DR. FARENHOLT, the talented son of Lt.-Comdr. O. W. Farenholt, U. S. Navy, Light-house Inspector at Portland, Oregon, has graduated with honor in the medical department of Harvard University, and has gone to New York City to attend a course in one of the hospitals in that city.

Mrs. JOHN M. ELLICOTT, wife of Ensign Ellcott, is staying at the Hotel Bay Voyage, Jamestown, Long Island, while her husband is attending the course of instruction in automobile torpedoes at the torpedo station. Ensign Ellcott is temporarily detached from the *Bennington*.

The retirement of Chief Engr. A. S. Greene, U. S. Navy, serves to promote P. A. Engr. Wm. A. Minzer, U. S. N., at present on boiler tube inspection duty at Newcastle, Del. Mr. Minzer will be ordered up for examination as soon as the case of Chief Engr. Greene shall have been disposed of by the President.

The recently announced death of Lieut. Hiero Taylor, of the Navy, was a sad shock to many friends to whom his serious illness was entirely unknown. He had been suffering from Bright's disease for some time and his death came very suddenly. He was a member of the Navy Mutual Aid Association.

Mrs. G. C. WILTS, widow of the late Capt. Wiltse, U. S. N., is spending the summer with her family at Lake Minnetonka, Minn., stopping at the Lake Park Hotel. Mrs. Wiltse will return to her home in New York City late in the season. The statement which has appeared that she was residing at 12 N. 3d street, Minneapolis, was erroneous.

ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF MELVILLE, U. S. N., accompanied by P. A. Engr. McFarland, left Washington for Chicago this week, to take part in the Engineering Congress to be held from July 31 to Aug. 6. The Engineer-in-Chief is the president of the Engineering branch of the Congress and Mr. McFarland is the secretary. They will be absent from Washington about nine days.

LIEUTENANT R. C. DAVENPORT, U. S. N., has given up his duties in the Hydrographic office of the Navy Department and gone to Barb, Me., where he has been detailed for duty on the *Castine* when that vessel shall fit for sea. Lieut. Davenport goes out in the *Castine* as executive officer. Mrs. Davenport is passing the summer at Mt. Desert, but will return to Washington, and re-occupy the pleasant house on 17th Street.

Cross recommendation of a medical board of survey, Comdr. T. A. Lyons was detached on July 21 at Newport from command of the U. S. S. *Monongahela* and granted sick leave. Application for a survey was made by him a few days previous to going to Newport, and was based upon a physical disability incurred during a former cruise, but which was made much worse by his last cruise on the *Monongahela*.

COMMANDER R. B. BRADFORD, U. S. N., is at West Auburn, Me., enjoying a leave.

LIEUTENANT J. T. SULLIVAN, U. S. N., is living in Brooklyn, his address being 181 Willoughby street.

ASST.-SURGEON SHERIDAN G. EVANS, U. S. Navy, reported for duty on Wednesday last, July 28, at the Naval Hospital, Philadelphia.

RECENT advices from Ivigtut, Greenland, indicate that Civil Engineer Peary, U. S. N., and his Greenland exploring party, will have no trouble from the ice in reaching its destination in McCormick Bay.

The social lion at Newport, R. I., just now, saves a despatch, seems to be Lieut. (Isboudishine, an officer of the Russian fleet. The Russian Lieutenant is described as "a fine fellow who is popular with the ladies and men."

Among the honorary members of the Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club of New York is Lieut. R. M. G. Brown, U. S. N. Among the ex-officio members the Secretary of the U. S. Navy, the Admiral of the North Atlantic Station, the commandant of the Navy-yard, New York, the Superintendent of the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, the Inspector of the 31 Light House District, and the officer in charge of the branch hydrographic office in New York. The following officers of the Navy are among the active members of the club: Lieut.-Comdr. L. Chenery, W. S. Cowles, G. K. Haswell, and J. J. Hunker, Lieut. W. C. Babcock, and Ensigns G. P. Blum, H. Eldredge and W. J. Maxwell.

In connection with what was quoted from Capt. Selfridge in the *JOURNAL* concerning the loss on board the *Cumberland*, A. J. Kane, Lieut. Col. and A. L. G. N. G., Washington, and formerly of the Navy, in a letter to us says:

The U. S. gunboat, *Commodore Jones*, was blown up by a torpedo, in the James River, below Richmond, Va., on May 6, 1864. Her complement consisted of 18 officers and 90 petty officers, etc., etc. 112 in all. The entire number, above mentioned, were either killed or wounded, myself among the latter. I was serving as master's mate on board of her, and was a watch and divisional officer. I was promoted to an ensigncy for my humble services on this occasion upon the personal recommendation of Lieut. Comdr. R. H. Lawson, commanding the torpedo and picket division of the fleet. The event, though it seems to be now forgotten, was at the time regarded as one of considerable importance. Capt. Hunter Davidson, late of the Confederate Navy, the officer in charge of the torpedo corps of the Confederate Government, informed me 11 years ago, in London, that the Confederate Government regarded the destruction of the *Commodore Jones* as one of the most signal feats of their navy during the war, and that it did the advance of our fleet on Richmond. Capt. Davidson was promoted from lieutenant to a commander by J. G. Davis for his services in blowing up the *Commodore Jones*.

CAPTAIN H. E. TUTHERLY, 1st, U. S. Cavalry, is at Claremont, N. H.

CAPTAIN P. H. ELLIS, 13th U. S. Infantry, and Lieut. B. A. Fiske, U. S. N., were at Narragansett Pier, R. I., July 26.

LIEUTENANT ANDREW HERO, Jr., 4th U. S. Artillery, rejoined at Washington Barracks, D. C., July 27, from a short leave.

LIEUTENANT CHARLES W. FOSTER, 31 U. S. Artillery, will, in a few days, remove his regimental recruiting rendezvous from Charleston to Florence, S. C.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM BAIRD, 8th U. S. Cavalry, after a pleasant tour in Chicago, will shortly resume command of his troops at Fort Washakie, Wyoming.

The Grand Jury of Washington, D. C., on July 24, found a bill against Col. Frederick C. Ainsworth, U. S. A., Chief of the Record and Pension Division of the War Department; Geo. W. Dant, contractor; Wm. R. Covert, Superintendent, and Francis Sasse, engineer, to determine whether they or either of them was responsible for the Ford's Theatre disaster of last June. The indictment sets forth that Col. Ainsworth was in charge of the building and those employed in it when portions of the second and third floors fell; describes in detail the excavations that were in progress for the purpose of putting in an electric light plant, and avers that Col. Ainsworth and the others indicted removed the earth supporting a pier without having first caused the pier to be relieved by shoring from the pressure upon it.

The father-in-law of the late Gen. Kelton, Mr. W. S. Campbell, who has recently been appointed consul to Newcastle, England, was formerly thirty years on the consular service, commencing with an appointment to Rotterdam, Holland, in 1843, under the administration of Gen. Tyler. In 1861 he was appointed to Dresden, Saxony, and continued there ten years, during which time he was the dispenser of hospitality to the growing colony of American residents there. It was at this time that Gen. Kelton married the youngest of Mr. Campbell's three charming daughters, who are pleasantly remembered by the Americans visiting Dresden during Mr. Campbell's consulate. Mr. Campbell carries with him to his new post of duty the cordial good wishes of the many Americans he has added to his list of friends during his earlier service abroad. Two of his daughters married in England and reside there.

GENERAL DANIEL BUTTERFIELD, in a letter to the Adjutant General of the Army in regard to the recent presence of Regular troops at Gettysburg, Pa., in connection with the dedication of New York State monuments, Gen. Butterfield being in command of the veterans present, says: "It is my duty and pleasure to acknowledge the valuable and efficient service and aid rendered by this detail. Capt. J. M. Lancaster and M. B. Hughes, U. S. A., fully sustained the high reputation and character of the officers of the Army, not only for promptness in appreciating and executing my requests, but for the courtesy and good judgment shown by them. Lieuts. Woodward and March, of the Artillery Detachment, and Perry, of the Cavalry Detachment, U. S. A., who personally reported to me, by my request, to Capt. Lancaster, proved of great service to me by their promptness, keen intelligence and thorough understanding of the situation. I have reported Capt. Lancaster to report the names of non-commissioned officers and privates whose services should be acknowledged by me, as I do not know their names."

CAPTAIN JOHN ANDERSON, 18th U. S. Infantry, has left Fort Clark, Texas, for the North on a three months' leave.

GENERAL FRANK WHITTON, U. S. A., and Lieut. Langhorne, A. D. C., visited the State Encampment at Austin, Texas, this week.

CAPTAIN W. W. ROBINSON, Jr., assistant quartermaster, U. S. A., expected to leave San Antonio about July 29 for Denver, Colo.

LIEUTENANT B. K. WEST, 6th U. S. Cav., on duty at West Point, has been spending a few days in the camp of the New Jersey troops at Sea Girt.

MAJOR G. B. RODNEY, 4th U. S. Art., has rejoined at Ft. McHenry, Md., from a two months' tour at Old Point Comfort, and resumed command of the former post.

LIEUTENANT L. C. SCHREIBER, 5th U. S. Cav., on leave from Ft. Sam Houston, Tex., is visiting at home in New Ulm, Minn. He will join at Ft. Leavenworth Sept. 1.

LIEUTENANT CHAS. H. BOWENSTEEL, 21st U. S. Inf., a recent arrival at Fort Sidney, Neb., from the Pacific Coast, has taken charge of recruiting matters at that post.

The engagement is announced of Miss Alice B. Arthur, daughter of Maj. Wm. Arthur, U. S. A., and a niece of the late President Arthur, to Mr. Geo. A. Sberin, of St. Paul, Minn.

COLONEL A. C. M. PENNINGTON, U. S. A., returned to Governor's Island July 25, from a pleasant visit to Mantoloking, N. J., where his family are spending a portion of the summer.

LIEUTENANT JACOB KLINE, 9th U. S. Infantry, lately on duty at Fort Leavenworth, will spend until November next on leave and then join at the new Plattburgh Barracks, nearing completion.

Mrs. EDWARD E. DRAYO, wife of Capt. Drayo, Subsistence Department, with her little daughter, are spending the summer season at Sacketts Harbor, N. Y., where they will remain until September, when they will join Capt. Drayo at Denver, where he has recently been ordered.

Mrs. EUGENE E. MCLEAM, of New Brighton, S. I., has presented to the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Boston a portrait of her father, Maj. Gen. Edwin Vose Sumner, a Mexican veteran, and a distinguished soldier of the War of the Rebellion, who died March 21, 1863.

Miss DELIA STACEY, daughter of the late Col. May Stacey, U. S. A., and until recently connected with Mr. James F. Powers' "Straight Tip" Theatrical Company, has abandoned the theatrical profession, and, on July 31, will marry Mr. Thomas Howard Burdell, a prominent business man of New York City. The wedding will take place at noon at the home of the bride's uncle, Mr. Geo. W. Sadtler, No. 37 East Huntington Ave., Baltimore, where she and her mother, Mrs. May H. Stacey, are now staying. The groom will be accompanied by Mr. Alphonse Caszila, of New Orleans, as best man, and the maid of honor will be little Miss Kathleen Sadtler. Mr. Thomas Howard Burdell is a wholesale umbrella manufacturer of New York, with an office at 404 Broadway. He is a prominent member of the Catholic Club where he resides, and is of high social position. After their marriage, Miss Stacey will retire from the stage to live with her husband, in New York.

A Chicago paper referring to Chaplain C. C. Bateman, U. S. A., his recent presence in that city and his earnest work at his post of duty—Fort Assiniboine, says:

That Chaplain Bateman should be devoted to the Army seems not strange, since he comes of soldierly stock. He is a descendant of men who fought in the war of the American Revolution, the war of 1812 and the late Civil War. He is a native of Iowa County, Michigan, where he has recently been visiting after an absence on the Pacific Coast, and at the West of nearly twenty five years. He received the degrees of A. B. and A. M. from the California College, his alma mater. We favor our readers with a photograph portrait of this chaplain, who has done his part to acquaint the public with the moral needs of the soldier.

At the recent celebration of the anniversary of the Fall of the B. stile, in San Francisco, Maj. Hunter, of the Judge Advocate's Corps, as a representative of the sons of the American Revolution, delivered an address before the French Colony, which the *San Francisco Chronicle* describes as "a telling oration," the principal passage of which was:

I speak, I think, sentiments common to all California sons of the American Revolution when I say they worship with you the same goddess—Liberty; believe with you the same political trinity of "Liberty, Equality and Fraternity;" refer with pride to their claim that they are sons of a race who were patriots of Lafayette; remember with gratitude that French hearts and sympathies assisted to make it possible for them to be born, to live and to be gathered to their fathers in the full enjoyment of all the rights and protection guaranteed by the Constitution and symbolized in the flag of their country—a flag or as a cross of shame to those who shall attempt to erase or pollute a single stripe or obscure a single star, but a symbol of glory, honor and encouragement to those everywhere who love liberty.

It is scarcely necessary to say that before Gen. A. McD. McCook left Los Angeles for Denver, his new headquarters, he was banqueted by his many friends in the former city. The *Los Angeles Herald* says: "The farewell banquet in honor of Gen. McCook was given at the Hotel Redondo and was an event in all respects a fitting tribute to the respect and esteem in which Gen. McCook is regarded by the people of the vicinity. The Hon. M. D. Boruch acted as toastmaster and proposed 'Our Guest' in a felicitous speech. Gen. McCook modestly responded and in the course of his remarks said:

There is not an individual connected with the former headquarters of the Department of Arizona that does not regret leaving this fair portion of the great State of California. Scarcely the word over and you will find but one Southern California, unequalled as it is in its fruitful and enjoyable climate. We appreciate, too, that we are turning our backs upon the beautiful and progressive city of Los Angeles, and upon Redondo Beach, and I have had such satisfactory and comfortable months for the past two years, and the 250 square miles of land that are tributary to them for variety and value of products are not expied by an equal number of acres upon the earth.

Other pleasant speeches followed by Major Eldredge, Lieut. McMahon, A. D. C., and others."

COLONEL G. M. BRAYTON, U. S. A., retired, is at Nantucket, Mass., for the summer.

CAPTAIN C. HOLMES, U. S. A., retired, was at the Hotel Imperial, New York, July 21.

LIEUTENANT ROBERT SEWELL, 7th U. S. Cavalry, is absent from Fort Myer, Va., on a few weeks' leave.

COLONEL EDMOND BUTLER, U. S. Army, retired, is spending a portion of the summer at Miles City, Montana.

The Maharaja of Kapurthala is a recent inscriber of his name upon the books of the Waldorf, New York City.

LIEUTENANT W. H. OSBORNE, 1st U. S. Cavalry, and wife registered at the Murray Hill Hotel, New York, on July 21.

CAPTAIN C. A. VERNON, 19th U. S. Infantry, on an extended leave from Ft. Wayne, Mich., is at Spring Lake, New Jersey.

GENERAL ELI LONG, U. S. A., and family, of Plainfield, N. J., are at Buff Point, Yates County, New York, for the summer.

LIEUTENANT R. M. SCHOFIELD, 4th Cavalry, A. D. C., and Mrs. Schofield are in Portland, Oregon, on a visit to her home.

CAPTAIN R. F. BATES, 18th U. S. Infantry, is a recent arrival in Galveston, Texas, for temporary regimental recruiting duty.

LIEUTENANT GEORGE MONTGOMERY, 21 U. S. Artillery, will leave Fort Monroe, Va., next week on a fortnight's visit to the West.

MAJOR T. A. BALDWIN, 7th U. S. Cavalry, was expected to rejoin at Fort Sheridan, Ill., this week from a trip to Fort Reno, O. T.

LIEUTENANT E. E. HARDIN, 7th U. S. Infantry, on duty at the New York State Camp, is a recent guest at the Grand Hotel, New York City.

CAPTAIN E. B. PRATT, 231 U. S. Infantry, of Fort Bliss, Texas, has been spending a short season at Columbus, O., before returning to his post.

COLONEL SIMON SNYDER, 19th U. S. Infantry, is preparing to take the troops at Fort Wayne on their usual summer outing to Island Lake, near Brighton, Michigan.

CAPTAIN CHARLES HUMPHREYS, 31 U. S. Artillery, under his recent promotion, has assumed command of Battery D of his regiment at Fort McPherson, Georgia.

COLONEL J. S. BILLINGS, Surgeon, U. S. Army, contributes to the *Forum* for August an article on "Municipal Sanitation in Washington and Baltimore."

MRS. SYDENHAM, mother of Lieut. A. H. Sydenham, 5th Art., who has been visiting her son at Fort Canby, Wash., left there this week for her home, Kearney, Neb.

MAJOR P. J. A. CLEARY, Surgeon, U. S. A., was expected to leave Atlanta, Ga., this week for the North, to spend a few months on leave for the benefit of his health.

LIEUTENANT GEORGE H. MCMAHON, 31 U. S. Artillery, now at Hudson, Iowa, will, at the expiration of his graduating leave, join Pott's battery at Fort Barrancas, Fla.

CAPTAIN LOUIS W. CHAMPTON, Assistant Surgeon, U. S. A., after a tour of duty in the Northwest, will come in a few weeks to the more congenial station in the East of Baltimore, Md.

CAPTAIN J. N. ALLISON, U. S. A., for some time past residing in New York City, has reported to Gen. J. W. Barringer for duty in his office in the Army Building, New York City.

COLONEL THOMAS M. ANDERSON, 14th Infantry, has returned to Vancouver Barracks from a pleasant visit to Astoria, Ore., where he visited the U. S. S. *Monterey*, Capt. Kempf commanding, at anchor in the harbor.

COLONEL THRAKER, 14th Infantry, and Capt. McClure, Judge Advocate, Dept. Columbia, have returned to Vancouver Barracks from Boise Barracks, where they were engaged on the Bailey Court-martial.

It will be good news to the friends of Lieut. J. J. Bradley, 14th Inf., who has been very ill at the Good Samaritan Hospital, Portland, Oregon, with diphtheritic sore throat, to know that he is now out of danger and is rapidly convalescing.

MAJOR JOHN H. BARTHOLOMEW, Surgeon, U. S. Army, on leave from Plattsburgh Bks., New York, is visiting Portland, Ore., and meeting many old friends, whom he has not seen since his service at Vancouver Barracks, where he was formerly stationed.

CAPTAIN H. B. OSGOOD, U. S. A., is a recent arrival in Boston, Mass., and has taken charge of the Submarine Depot in that city, in succession to Capt. D. M. Scott, C. S., who has gone to Washington, D. C., for duty. As Capt. Osgood is a New Englander, with many relatives and friends in Maine, we believe, doubtless the detail is an agreeable one to him.

GENERAL BRECKINRIDGE, Inspector-General, U. S. Army, accompanied by his family, has been making a pleasant visit to the Pacific Coast, making en route the six days' tour of that Wonderland of the West, the Yellowstone National Park. While at Vancouver Bks., Wash., they were the guests of Col. and Mrs. Bacon, 1st Cav., who gave them a very pleasant reception, all of the officers of the garrison attending.

The engagement is announced in Portland, Ore., of 1st Lieut. Henry C. Cabell, regimental quartermaster, 14th Inf., Vancouver Bks., Wash., and Miss Fanning, youngest daughter of Mr. Henry Fanning, the well-known millionaire banker of Portland. The Army seems to be very popular in Portland, as this is the third engagement announced this year between Army officers and the young ladies of Portland society—two infantry and one cavalry.

LIEUTENANT S. L. FAISON, 1st U. S. Infantry, is at Faison, N. C.

CAPTAIN B. H. GILBERT, U. S. A., is spending the summer at Catumet, Mass.

The present address of Gen. A. V. Kautz is care *Volksblatt*, office, Cincinnati, Ohio.

GENERAL H. C. BANKHEAD, U. S. A., is spending the summer, as usual, at Bayonne, N. J.

LIEUTENANT E. L. LOVERIDGE, 11th U. S. Infantry, is a recent arrival at Fort Apache, Ariz.

CAPTAIN T. F. QUINN, U. S. A., registered at the Grand Union Hotel, New York City, this week.

CAPTAIN J. K. WABING, 21 U. S. Infantry, will rejoin at Fort Omaha next week, from a brief visit East.

LIEUTENANT A. I. MORIARTY, 9th U. S. Infantry, on an indefinite sick leave, is spending the summer at Putnam, Conn.

LIEUTENANT E. H. WEBBER, 20th U. S. Infantry, has taken charge of recruiting matters at Camp Poplar River, Mont.

GENERAL WESLEY MERRITT, U. S. A., and Lieut. Sturges, A. D. C., have returned to St. Paul from a trip to the Yellowstone National Park.

CAPTAIN R. L. HASKELL, 12th U. S. Infantry, is a recent visitor in New York City en route to David's Island to conduct recruits to Fort Yates.

LIEUTENANT ARTHUR MURRAY, 1st U. S. Art., on leave from Fort Wadsworth, is at Blowing Rock, N. C., where is also Capt. C. E. Price, Asst. Surgeon, U. S. A.

MAJOR J. A. DARLING, 5th U. S. Artillery, now East on leave, and lately visiting at Old Point Comfort, Va., will return to San Francisco towards the end of August.

MAJOR G. B. RUSSELL, 5th U. S. Infantry, commandant of Ft. Vernon Barracks, Ala., is expected North early in August, to spend October on the Atlantic seaboard.

COLONEL GUY V. HENRY, U. S. A., commandant of Fort Myer, Va., was expected to leave there the latter part of this week to spend a few weeks leave at Ocean City, Md.

LIEUTENANT J. T. DEAN, 31 U. S. Infantry, A. D. C. to Gen. Brooke, is at the helm of the A. G. O. Department of the Platte, during the absence on leave of Col. M. V. Sheridan.

GENERAL W. P. CARLIN, U. S. A., and his senior aide, Lieut. Chas. H. Martin, 14th U. S. Inf., have returned to Vancouver Barracks from a pleasant trip to Fort Canby, Washington.

The Hon. Henry L. Dawes, ex-Senator from Massachusetts, contributes to the *Atlantic Monthly* for August, a most important paper on "Washington, the Winter Before the War."

CAPTAIN DANIEL CORNMANN, 21st U. S. Infantry, took his company this week from Fort Porter to Fort Niagara, N. Y., for a few weeks practice on the rifle range at the latter post.

LIEUTENANT GEO. C. SAFFARANS, 6th U. S. Inf., is a recent arrival at Frankfort, Ky., and from there goes to Bowling Green for duty at the encampment of Kentucky troops during August.

LIEUTENANT C. C. BALLOU, 12th U. S. Infantry, will bid adieu to friends at Jersey City, N. Y., in a few weeks, and start to join Witherspoon's company (Indian) at Ft. Vernon Barracks, Ala.

CAPTAIN J. R. CLAGETT, 231 U. S. Inf., much to the satisfaction of his many friends in New York city and vicinity, has had his orders changed so that he will remain on duty at David's Island, until October 1 next.

CAPTAIN A. M. WETHERILL, 6th U. S. Infantry is preparing to take his company from Bedloe's Island to Fort Niagara, N. Y., for a season of small arms practice. During the absence of the infantry the post will be garrisoned by artillery.

CAPTAIN L. A. MATILE, 14th U. S. Inf., under recent transfer orders changes base from Whipple Barracks, Arizona, to Vancouver Barracks, Washington, and Capt. J. A. Buchanan, 11th U. S. Inf., from Vancouver Barracks to Whipple Barracks.

GENERAL W. P. CARLIN, U. S. A., has selected as his second aide-de-camp Lieut. Herman Hall, 4th U. S. Inf., a bright young officer of six years' service. Under this appointment Lieut. Hall changes base from Fort Sherman, Idaho, to Vancouver Barracks.

A DESPATCH from Nueva Laredo says that Lieut. Jose Berrueros of the Mexican Army for backing out of a duel and making a humble apology, has, in accordance with the code, been declared by the seconds on both sides to be a coward and unfitted to be called a gentleman.

LIEUTENANT C. A. L. TOTTER, 4th U. S. Art., leaves the service by resignation on Tuesday next, August 1, and will make his permanent home at New Haven, Conn. He has an excellent record of service of over twenty years, having been graduated from the Military Academy in 1873.

MAJOR A. J. MCGONIGLE, U. S. A., who was retired from active service in March last, is spending a portion of the summer at Cobourg, Ontario, with headquarters at the Arlington. At the same hotel are also Col. W. M. Wherry, U. S. A., and family and Col. Alexander Montgomery, U. S. A.

The many friends of Col. W. B. Royall, U. S. A., will be glad to learn that the operation upon his eye for cataract has been perfectly successful, and he is now released from the care of the oculist and is on his way to Dublin, N. H., the summer home of his son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Parsons.

The marriage of Lieut. Carl Koops, 13th U. S. Inf., to Miss Bertha Hall Rogers, daughter of Capt. B. H. Rogers, of the same regiment, took place at St. George's Church, Newport, R. I., on July 25th. The groom is on college duty at Sherman, Texas, and is now on his summer vacation from that institution.

COLONEL W. B. ROYALL, U. S. A., retired, is on a visit to Dublin, N. H.

LIEUTENANT L. S. UPTON, 21st U. S. Infantry, is on a visit to Niagara Falls, N. Y.

LIEUTENANT J. M. JENKINS, 5th U. S. Cavalry, has left Charleston, S. C., for Young's Island, S. C.

MAJOR E. B. MOSELEY, Surgeon U. S. A., left Old Point Comfort, Va., July 23, to be absent for a week.

LIEUTENANT M. C. RICHARDS, U. S. A., retired, has arrived at Mexico, Oawego Co., N. Y., from Syracuse.

LIEUTENANT S. G. JONES, 5th U. S. Cavalry, has left Eureka Springs, Ark., and is now on duty at Fort Brown, Tex.

LIEUTENANT ANDREW HERO, Jr., 4th U. S. Art., rejoined at Washington Barracks, D. C., July 26, from a short leave.

LIEUTENANT C. C. WALOUTE, 8th U. S. Cavalry, recently at Fort Leavenworth, is now at 84 East Town St., Columbus, O.

CAPTAIN W. BADGER, U. S. A., retired, has returned to 19 Gleason St., Dorchester District, Boston, Mass., from Belmont, N. H.

LIEUTENANT F. L. PALMER, 21st U. S. Infantry, assumed charge this week of post exchange matters at Fort Porter, Buffalo, N. Y.

MAJOR P. R. BROWN, Surgeon, U. S. A., has arrived at Fort Hamilton from Fort Supply.

MAJOR FRANK A. PHIPPS, U. S. A., a recent arrival in Chicago, has taken charge of ordnance matters in the Department of the Missouri.

LIEUTENANT A. W. YATES, 9th U. S. Inf., lately on recruiting duty at Ogdensburg, N. Y., has rejoined at Madison Barracks, Sackett's Harbor.

CAPTAIN S. L. WOODWARD, 10th U. S. Cavalry, will leave Fort Leavenworth, Kas., next week to spend the months of August and September on leave.

CAPTAIN T. E. MERRITT, U. S. A., retired, registered at the Barrett House, New York city, July 24, and Lieut. M. R. Peterson, 10th U. S. Inf., at the Sturtevant House.

LIEUTENANT E. L. MUNSON, Assistant Surgeon, U. S. A. of Jefferson Barracks, Mo., has recently received the degree of bachelor of arts from the Yale University's class of 1890.

LIEUTENANT SEDGWICK PRATT, 31 U. S. Artillery, who is just about completing a tour of duty at West Point, N. Y., will join Turnbull's battery at Fort McPherson, Ga., early in September.

MAJOR C. L. DAVIS, U. S. A., commanded the military escort on the occasion of the recent visit of Vice-President Stevenson to San Diego, composed of Regulars and California troops.

CAPTAIN LEONARD WOOD, Assistant Surgeon, U. S. Army, lately at the Yosemite National Park, is due at the Presidio of San Francisco this week to close up his affairs there and then start for Fort McPherson, Ga.

FORT SHERIDAN, ILL., was the scene of a pretty wedding July 10. The principals of the occasion being Miss Flora Girard, daughter of Maj. A. C. Girard, Surgeon, U. S. A., and Lieut. Ross L. Bush, 15th U. S. Inf.

A DESPATCH of July 24 from Orlando, Fla., to the *New York Times* says: "Bertha, the twenty-year-old daughter of Capt. Selmer, a resident of Zilwood, eloped yesterday with Herman Adams, colored. They were arrested at Elsworth, and Adams was taken to the Tavares Jail. The white woman was brought back to Zilwood. Threats of lynching the negro were freely indulged in."

A SAN ANTONIO despatch says: "There is much interest manifested in military circles throughout Texas over the Court-martial trial at Fort Reno, of Capt. James O. Mackay, 31 U. S. Cavalry. He was in command of a party of soldiers which was sent out some months ago along the Mexican border in pursuit of Garza. While on this campaign several of his men displeased him by their conduct, and as a means of punishment he is reported to have suspended the offenders by the thumbs. The method of punishment was more severe than Army Regulations justify, and, although Capt. Mackay has since acknowledged that he was wrong, the War Department could not pass over the incident without bringing Captain Mackay before a Court-martial."

The *New York Herald* of July 21 devotes a column with portrait to the military history of Lieut. Michael Moore, U. S. A., retired, "probably the oldest survivor of the regular Army, and at the same time one of the oldest living regular soldiers in the world. He entered the Army during the war of 1812 and was in active service for nearly sixty years. When I called on Lieut. Moore at his Brooklyn home," says the *Herald* reporter, "I found an admirably preserved old gentleman, bearing his ninety-three years as well as a veteran of seventy. He is still in vigorous health, despite an acute attack of the grip three years ago and the breaking of his hip shortly after. His mind is as active and his memory as accurate as that of most men at sixty."

The *Daily Eagle* of Reading, Pa., has published a portrait of Lieut. Charles W. Kutz, with the heading: "The Reading Cadet who Graduated with great distinction from West Point." It gives a flattering notice and says: "He has been highly complimented by Old West Point men upon his work there, and a brilliant career has been predicted for him in the service." It quotes the *New York Tribune*, which said, referring to Messrs. Howell and Kutz, who took the first and second honors: "Howell has made a most excellent record while he has been in the corps, and Kutz is one of the best 'all round' men that has ever been at West Point." Lieut. Kutz's mother is a widow, and as he has been a very kind and devoted son, it is thought he will make a fine record in the service, having lately been assigned to the Engineer Corps, Willets' Point being his first station, after his graduating leave of absence has expired.

PASSED ASSISTANT PAYMASTER T. J. COWIE, U. S. N., registered at the Park Avenue Hotel, New York City, July 27.

MAJOR GENERAL J. M. SCHOFIELD, U. S. A., registered at the Windsor Hotel, New York City, on Tuesday, July 25.

COLONEL CHARLES PAGE, U. S. A., Medical Director, Department of the East, has returned to Governor's Island from a pleasant tour of inspection to Northern New York.

LIEUTENANT F. P. FREMONT, 31 U. S. Infantry, after a two years' tour of pleasant duty at Bedlow's Island, N. Y. H., will join his regiment in the West about the middle of August.

LIEUTENANT JOHN A. PERRY, 18th U. S. Inf., is on a visit to Rye, Westchester County, where he will remain until the end of August, after which he will proceed to Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.

MRS. U. S. GRANT has returned to West Point from Salem Centre, and will remain during the rest of the season. Her daughter, Mrs. Sartoris, will sail from Europe this week and will join her at the Point about Aug. 5.

The Evening Telegram, Portland, Oregon, referring to a recent visit to that city, to see his mother, of Lieut. Alvin H. Sydenhaus, 5th U. S. Art., Ft. Canby, says: "The lieutenant has had more than the usual amount of experience for so young an officer, and, possessing an excellent memory, carries with him a most entertaining fund of information and incidents. He is one of the few men in the Army who have a decided literary taste, and those who know him well predict for him a future as brilliant as that of Capt. Chas. King, U. S. A."

MRS. GEO. E. HENDEL, wife of Paymr. Hendel, U. S. N., is at the Oregon House, Hull, Mass.

SECRETARY OF THE NAVY HERBERT arrived at the Kittery Navy-yard, Me., July 25, in the Dolphin and made inspection of the yard. Commo. Carpenter entertained the party at luncheon.

ASSISTANT ENGINEER AND MRS. WILMER O. CHRISTMAN, U. S. N., are stopping at Hotel Alaire, Spring Lake Beach, during July, where they are having an enjoyable time. For the month of August they have engaged rooms at "The Antlers," Raquette Lake, Adirondack Mts., which is situated in the very heart of the wilderness.

RIFLE COMPETITIONS—1893.

Cavalry competitions (Colorado and Texas). Commence at Fort Wingate, Aug. 8; terminate Aug. 19. Officer in charge: Maj. W. A. R. Harty. 2d Cav.; in command of camp and chief range officer, Capt. F. K. Ward, 1st Cav.; financial and statistical officer, Lieut. R. C. Williams, 1st Cav.; adj. and act. ord. officer, Lieut. C. E. Dentler, 11th Inf.; A. A. Q. M. and A. C. S., Lieut. T. J. Lewis, 21 Cav.; range officers, 1st Lieut. H. A. Trout, 2d Lieut. D. L. Baird, W. H. Wilhelm, E. M. Suplee and Ralph Harrison.

Dept. Colorado.—Commence Aug. 17 at Ft. Bayard, N. M. Officer in charge, Lieut. Charles L. Collins, 11th Inf., insp. small arms practice; chief range officer and in charge of competitors, Capt. J. M. Thompson, 24th Inf.; financial and statistical officer, Lieut. Bogardus Eldridge, 10th Inf.; adjutant and act. ord. officer, Lieut. Wm. Weigel, 11th Inf.; A. A. Q. M. and A. C. S., 1st Lieut. H. W. Hovey, R. Q. M., 24th Inf.; range officers, Lieuts. Ocon Gurovitz, J. S. Winn, I. C. Jenks and S. P. Adams. Competitions close Aug. 24.

Dept. Texas.—The month of October is designated as the practice season for revolver firing for Troops A, B, C, E, F, G and K, Fifth Cavalry, and Troops C, D and G, 7th Cav. (S. O. 83, July 20, D. T.)

The months of September and October are designated as the practice season for rifle firing for Company E, 18th Inf., it having been impracticable for this company to hold its practice during the period originally announced. (S. O. 83, July 20, D. T.)

The months of September and October are designated as the practice season for carbine firing for Troops I, 5th Cav., and Troops C, D and G, 7th Cav. (S. O. 84 July 22, D. T.)

Dept. California and Columbia.—The rifle competition, including preliminary practice, for the Departments of California and the Columbia, will take place at Vancouver Barracks, Washington, commencing Aug. 21, prox., and will be conducted by Lieut. Col. Edward Moale, 3d Inf., inspector of small arms practice, Department of California, in the manner prescribed in Small Arms Firing Regulations. (G. O. 11, July 10, D. C.)

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The new cruiser *New York*—the most formidable addition yet made to the new Navy—will be placed in commission on August 1, or as soon thereafter as her commanding officer finds practicable. The orders have been issued, as will appear from the Naval orders this week, for her officers to report on board on August 1. It is anticipated that the *New York* will remain at Philadelphia, fitting out for another month, and it will be some months before she takes her place as flagship of the N. A. Station. Meanwhile, she will be put through the paces in the vicinity of New York to determine her helm radius, speed, and other manœuvring qualities.

The list of officers is as follows: Capt. J. W. Philip, commanding; Lieut. T. B. M. Mason, executive; Lieut. Aaron Ward, ordnance officer; watch officers, Lieuts. J. F. Parker, T. M. Brumby and H. C. Poundstone; ensign, R. B. Dashiell, G. W. Williams, A. A. Snow, J. L. Latimer, C. B. Brittain, E. T. Pollock, H. C. Kuebel, R. J. Hartung, Waldo Evans, R. H. Leigh, W. D. Brotherton, J. F. Carter, and H. E. Smith; chief engineer, John Lowe; passed assistant engineer, E. R. Freeman; assistant engineers, M. A. Anderson, C. H. Matthews, and W. P. Winchell; medical inspector, Edward Kershner; passed assistant surgeon, J. F. Urie; assistant surgeons, H. D. Wilson and A. R. Alfred; pay inspector, George W. Beaman, and Naval cadets, a Gamble, McNamee, Russell, Davis, Trout and Hine.

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WHEN AND WHERE LAST HEARD FROM.

N. Atlantic Station.—R.-Adm. A. E. K. Benham.

SAN FRANCISCO, flagship, 2d rate, 12 guns, Captain J. C. Watson. Returned from Boston after a week's cruise at sea with the naval militia of Massachusetts on July 22 will cruise with the Pennsylvania and a part of the New York militia.

MIANTONOMO, monitor, 3d rate, 4 guns, Captain Montgomery Board, comdg. At New York. Left Boston July 18 with naval militia, and returned July 22.

VESUVIUS, 4th rate, 3 guns, dynamite cruiser, Lt.-Comdr. Frank Courtis comdg. At New York Navy-yard repairing.

KEARSARGE, 3d rate, 7 guns, Comdr. A. S. Crowman. At Portsmouth, N. H., for repairs.

DETROIT, 10 guns, Comdr. W. H. Brownson. At Norfolk Navy-yard, will proceed to New York for her torpedo appliances and later will have experiments with Whitehead torpedoes.

European Station.—A.-R.-Adm. Henry Erben.

CHICAGO, 2d rate, 14 guns, flagship, Capt. A. T. Mahan. Arrived at Cherbourg, France, July 25, from Queenstown, Ireland. At the latter place she was given a most cordial welcome. Mayor Roche, of Cork, was indefatigable in his attentions to the officers of the ship. One entire day was given up to showing them the sights of Cork, including a very pleasant trip to Blarney Castle. In part return for the civilities shown them the officers of the Chicago a day or two before her departure from Queenstown gave a reception and ball and about two hundred and fifty guests were on board. The ship was very prettily decorated with bunting and with flowers. At the breakfast given by the Mayor of Cork to Admiral Erben and his officers the prominent officials of the city were present, and the Mayor sang the "Star Spangled Banner." Address care B. F. Stevens, London, Eng.

The London *Army and Navy Gazette* says: "After leaving Galway, we believe, the Chicago will visit the Clyde, and also call at Penzance, so that it is probable that her officers will see something of the naval manœuvres. We have no doubt that, if an opportunity occurs, advantage will be taken of it to reciprocate the hospitality recently extended by American naval officers to their British confreres at New York."

BENNINGTON, 3d rate, 6 guns, Commander C. M. Thomas. At New York Navy-yard fitting out for European Station. Will visit Turkish ports to investigate outrages on American missionaries, and will then probably be ordered to the South Atlantic Station. Will join the European station.

The fresh outrages on an American missionary in Turkey, reported Monday, coupled with the persistent demand of Admiral Erben for another ship, is believed to have finally decided the authorities in favor of sending the Bennington to the Mediterranean. Her assignment to the European squadron is only temporary, and her ultimate destination will probably be the South Atlantic station. By sending her to Europe she will be able to look after the missionary trouble, and at the same time be practically as available for service on the Brazilian coast as if she remained in home waters.

S. At. Station.—Actg.-R.-Adm. O. F. Stanton. The mail matter for ships on this station should be addressed "Care of the United States Consul, Montevideo, Uruguay, or care of B. F. Stevens, 4 Trafalgar Square, London." Letters sent to Rio Janeiro are frequently subjected to very long delays, owing to fumigation and other reasons.

NEWARK, flagship, 2d rate, 12 guns, Captain S. W. Terry. At Norfolk repairing. Will sail for South Atlantic Station Aug. 15.

YANTIC, 4th rate, 4 guns, Lieut.-Comdr. H. W. Lyon. Montevideo, Uruguay, June 9.

Pacific Station.—Acting Rear Admiral J. S. Skerrett.

Address all mail to Navy Pay Office, San Francisco, Cal. unless otherwise noted. Mail for Behring Sea fleet should be addressed to Sitka via Port Townsend, Washington, until further orders.

ADAMS, 3d rate, Comdr. Thomas Nelson. At Honolulu, H. I., May 30.

ALLIANCE, 3d rate, 6 guns, Comdr. W. H. Whiting. Left Callao for Corinto, July 20. Arrived at Panama July 27.

BOSTON, flagship, 3d rate, 8 guns, Captain B. F. Day. At Honolulu, July 7. Will remain at Honolulu until relieved by the Philadelphia, now on her way to the Samoan Islands. This can hardly be before Christmas. The Boston will then proceed direct to San Francisco and receive an extensive overhauling.

THETIS, 3d rate, 3 machine guns, Lieut. Comdr. C. T. Hutchins. At Mare Island, Cal. Reported ready for sea.

MONTEREY.—Coast defence vessel, 4 guns, Capt. Louis Kempf, comdg. Sailed from Portland, Oregon, July 27. Will visit numerous ports in Puget Sound and later in the summer will cruise with the California naval reserve.

PHILADELPHIA, 2d rate, 12 guns, Capt. A. S. Barker. Arrived at Rio July 10. As soon as coaled will sail for Valparaiso where she will receive orders directing her to proceed to Samoa. Probably now en route from Rio, though her departure has not been reported to the Department.

CHARLESTON, 3d rate, 8 guns, Captain Henry F. Picking. At the Norfolk Navy-yard. Will sail this week for Valparaiso and thence to Callao. Her first coaling place en route will probably be Rio.

YORKTOWN, 3d rate, 6 guns, Commander P. F. Harrington. Sailed from New York July 22, for Barbadoe on her way to the Pacific.

Asiatic Station.—Rear Adm. John Irwin.

Address all mail Yokohama, Japan.

ALERT, 3d rate, 4 guns, Comdr. G. M. Book.

Left Coemulpo July 21, presumably for Yokohama to prepare for homeward cruise to Mare Island, where she will be placed out of commission and her machinery extensively overhauled.

LANCASTER, 2d rate, 10 guns, flagship, Capt. A. H. McCormick. At Yokohama June 1.

MONOCACY, 3d rate, 6 guns, Comdr. F. M. Barber. Arrived at Hankow June 8. Arrived at Chin Kiang July 25.

MARION, flagship, 3d rate, 8 guns, Comdr. C. V. Gridley. Arrived at Coemulpo July 21, and sailed July 25. Her destination from this point was not stated in the despatch announcing her departure, but she is probably going in the direction of Yokohama. Her departure from Coemulpo is an indication that the trouble is over there.

BALTIMORE, flagship, 3d rate, 10 guns, Capt. W. R. Bridgman. At New York Navy-yard. Will be repaired and then ordered to China as flagship of the Asiatic Station. Will sail via Suez Canal.

CONCORD, 3d rate, 6 guns, Comdr. C. F. Goodrich. Sailed July 3 for China Station via Suez Canal. Arrived at Gibraltar July 22. Left July 27 for Port Said, touching at Malta.

Apprentice Training Squadron.

PORTSMOUTH, 12 guns, Comdr. C. J. Barclay. At Newport, R. I. Sailed July 8 for summer cruise in European waters. Arrived at Plymouth, Eng., July 25. Address mail care B. F. Stevens, 4 Trafalgar Square, London, Eng.

RICHMOND, 3d rate, 14 guns, Capt. F. M. Bunce. At Newport, R. I. (Receiving ship for boys).

MINNESOTA, 19 guns. Receiving ship for boys, Captain J. R. Bartlett. At dock foot of West 60th street, N. Y. City. P. O. Station G. New York. Comdr. E. M. Shephard ordered to command.

MONONGAHELA, Comdr. Francis W. Dickens. At Portsmouth, N. H., preparing for European cruise with apprentice boys. Will sail this week.

Special Service or Availing Assignment.

BANCROFT, practice cruiser, Lieut. Comdr. Asa Walker. At Annapolis, Md. Turned over to Superintendent of Naval Academy, for a short cruise with cadets.

CUSHING, torpedo boat, Lieut. F. F. Fletcher commanding. Address Newport, R. I.

CONSTELLATION, 10 guns (practice ship of Naval Academy). Comdr. C. M. Chester. Arrived at Funchal, Madeira, July 13. If health of port permits will next visit Lisbon. Returning will touch at Madeira, and, if practicable, the Canary Islands. The vessel should return to Annapolis not later than Sept. 1.

DOLPHIN, 3d rate, despatch boat, 3 guns, Lieut. B. H. Buckingham. At Kittery, Me., July 25, to leave for Machias July 27. The Dolphin with Secretary Herbert on board, left Portsmouth July 26 for the Isle of Shoals, and thence will proceed to Bar Harbor.

ENTERPRISE, 3d rate, 6 guns, Comdr. J. F. Merry. On her annual cruise, now en route for Southampton, England, thence to Havre, Lisbon, Gibraltar, Madeira and Canary Islands, and home, via St. Thomas, reaching Boston about Nov. 1.

FERN, fourth rate despatch vessel, Lieut. Comdr. W. C. Gibson. The Fern, with stores for the gunboats *Machias* and *Cushing*, arrived at the Navy-yard, Portsmouth, N. H., July 18.

MACHIAS, 8 guns, Commander Charles J. Train. Placed in commission at Portsmouth, N. H., July 20. Will shortly sail for Machias, Me., to receive silver service presented by the citizens of that historic town. Will remain on home station until she has final trial in October, and then proceed to China.

MICHIGAN, 4th rate, 4 guns, (3 howitzers and 3 Gatlings). Lt. Comdr. R. M. Berry. At Chicago. MOHICAN, 3d rate, 10 guns, Comdr. Nicoll Ludlow. Anchored off Seal Point, Unalak, Island, Alaska.

PETREL, 4th rate, 4 guns, Lieut.-Comdr. J. H. Dayton. At Unalak June 2. Address, care Pay Office, San Francisco.

PINTA, 4th rate, 4 howitzers, Lieut.-Comdr. W. T. Burwell. At Sitka, Alaska, at last accounts. The Pinta returned to her moorings in the inner harbor of Sitka, Alaska, June 30, from a short cruise. Several points were visited by the gunboat where she had never called before. Among these was Rudyard Bay in B-hm Canal, in proximity to the celebrated New Eldersone rock. The Pinta people say that that Bay offers the grand at view they ever witnessed in Alaska, and is not even surpassed by the large glaciers in this section in stera sublimity. Under the supervision of P. A. Engr. Geo. B. Ransom, the engine works more efficiently than it has done for a long time, and the vessel's speed has much improved.

RANGER, 3d rate, Commander E. Longnecker. Cruising in Berling Sea.

STILETTO.—Torpedo Boat, Lieut. Roy Smith. At Newport, R. I.

SARATOGA, Lt. Comdr. E. T. Strong. Nautical schoolship of Pennsylvania. On her annual cruise. Will visit Portugal and Spain. Address care B. F. Stevens, Trafalgar Square, London, Eng.

ST. MARY'S, 8 guns, Comdr. John McGowan, Jr. Public Marine School, New York. Unless an appropriation is forthcoming from New York there will be no cruise this year.

REVENUE CUTTER SERVICE.

The board of revenue marine engineers, consisting of Chief Engineer J. W. Collins, First Assistant Engineer Barrow and Second Assistant Engineer McAllister, convened by the Secretary of the Treasury for the examination of candidates for appointment as second assistant engineers in the revenue marine service, has submitted its report to the Secretary. The following young men passed the examination successfully in the order named: W. E. Macoun, of Baltimore; C. M. Green, of New York; J. J. Herriek, Newport News, Va.; G. M. Dotson, of Norfolk, Va., and H. N. Wood, of Ithaca, N. Y. There are at present three vacancies in the corps, and Messrs. Macoun, Green and Herriek will receive appointments at once. Messrs. DeReamer and Wood will be appointed when vacancies occur.

gunboats, will be 60 to 120 ft. long, displace 14 tons, having engines of 210 horse power, and being capable of a speed of 16.3 knots. It is expected that they will be built at Cresson, where the plans have been prepared. The gunboats, of which 12 are to be built, are not made public, are believed to be for colonial service.

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account of his "inability to understand English and
to communicate orders to prisoners under his
charge." And yet par. 908 of the Regulations dis-
tinctly requires that persons desiring to enlist shall
have "a competent knowledge of the English lan-
guage." His being placed as sentinel over prisoners
under such circumstances rather aggravates the
case.

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FRANCE AND SIAM.

THE claims of France against Siam, considered
in the light of pure ethics, are phonetically charac-
terized by the name of a member of the royal house
of Siam, Prince Damrong. Yet no one has any
occasion to quarrel with France for asserting them,
except England and China, for it is in the order of
events that Siam should pass under the control of
some European power. The French incapacity for
colonization is the chief difficulty in the way of her
making good use of any advantage she might
otherwise gain from the direction of Siamese af-
fairs. Her colonies in the East are little more than
naval stations, while those of England are centres
of commercial activity and growth. With Great
Britain colonization precedes conquest, and she has
established her imperial control upon the solid
foundation of trade intercourse. Her empire,
even where it extends over distant and alien
nations, is a growth, and not a transplanting. It
is putting forth upon an old vine of the new shoots
into which flow the living forces of natural devel-
opment and assimilation. Aspiring to imitate
England in the direction of colonization, France
fails to consider the differences of national genius
which make impossible to her what is possible to
England and Germany. Of her once extensive
empire upon the American continent but a few
rocky islands remain. France is not likely, there-
fore, to reap the full fruit of her enterprise, and
England will have something to say as to the dis-
posal of Siam. Russia is watching warily for any
indication of an opportunity for her, and Germany
views the situation with tranquil content. French
chauvinism is for the moment diverted from its
assaults upon Germany, and France will not care
to stir up the war cry against her old antagonist
until she has finished with Siam and China and
perfidious Albion.

The territorial disputes which offer the ostensible
occasion for French claims upon Siam are of little
interest to us. It is the lamb that is always wrong
in such discussions, whether he be up stream or
down stream. Now that Africa has been divided,
and Burmah, Tongking, Annam and Sumatra have
passed under European control, Siam offers the
richest of the prizes remaining among the assets of
the uncivilized. As a whole, Siam will profit by the
change, if we set aside the interests of her nobles
and rulers. His Majesty Probat Somdetch Pra
Parmindr Mahah Chulalongkorn Pra Ohula Ohom
Kiao is described as a well informed and kindly
gentleman of agreeable and polished manners, but
his ideas of royal responsibility are limited to his
harem and his family of over one hun-
dred children, two of his daughters having
been born before he was fifteen years old.
His palace is described as a town and not a suite of
apartments. His one royal wife is his half-sister.
For his pleasures and his magnificence money is al-
ways forthcoming, but neither money or royal time
are available for the promotion of public interests.
Such a ruler is an anachronism, and being without
possibilities of defence against aggression he is
sure in the end to disappear before the advance of

coidental ideas. He may, perhaps, as well go now as at any time. The earthen pot cannot float safely in the same stream with the iron vessel. It is to be hoped, however, that France and England may find some amicable way of dividing the spoil.

The Siamese Army is said to number about five thousand men, all stationed in and about Bangkok. A few of them have been armed with the Mannlicher repeating rifle and drilled by Captain Schauer for show purposes, but they will not stand against Europeans. They have a fine military band, trained by a bandmaster who was attached to a vessel of our Navy in Siamese waters at the time he was offered his present position. He has taught his men the use of foreign musical instruments. Whatever little show Siam makes of a navy is deceptive.

An English observer, Mr. Henry Varian, has the candor to say: "No resistance worth the name could or would be made to a European force. A couple of hostile British or French gunboats in the Menam, and a thousand soldiers on shore, and the whole structure of Siam would fall like a house of cards, and the only difficulty would be to suppress the anarchy of the Chinese. The *corvée* abandoned, the crushing burden of taxation eased, the colossal royal extravagances curtailed, slavery abolished, not only in name but in fact, payment honestly and promptly made for everything taken, just laws simply administered to all alike, and the people of Siam would not wait to see their country developed by roads and railways, and its crops multiplied tenfold, to acknowledge the benefit of the new era. If one had to think only of the common people of Siam, there could be no hesitation in saying of the day when such things shall be, 'Let it be soon.'"

SOME of the Regular Army Chaplains at the recent conference in Chicago seem to have gotten between "the devil and the deep sea." The report on temperance and gambling was criticized as being too lukewarm, in not sufficiently declaring the indignation of the chaplains at the evils of the post exchange system of selling drink to the soldiers, and a chaplain of the committee explained that the report did not express the personal feelings of himself or the committee, but it covered the ground without laying its authors liable to reprimand, his allusion being to the Army regulations which forbid any criticism by subordinates of existing regulations under penalty of court-martial.

THE International Engineering Congress to be held in Chicago from July 31 to August 5 is attracting much attention in the Army and Navy, and the engineering world generally. It will be one of the most extensive and important gatherings of Engineers and scientific men ever known. Among the list of papers to be read and discussed are productions from nearly all of the most celebrated Engineering authorities of the world, including papers by General H. L. Abbot, Colonel Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, on "Coast Defence and Submarine Mines;" Lieutenant Colonel W. R. King, C. E., on "Moveable Torpedoes;" Lieutenant A. M. D'Armit, C. E., on "Intrenched Camps;" Lieutenant Henry Jervey, C. E., on "Reconnaissance and Map Making," and papers by Major W. B. Livermore, C. E.; Brig.-Gen. S. B. Holabird, U. S. A., retired; Maj. Clifton Comly, Capt. S. E. Blunt, R. Birnie, W. B. Gordon, Henry Metcalfe, and Lieut. S. E. Stuart, Ordnance Department, Major A. A. Woodhull, Medical Department, Capt. J. M. Ingalls, 1st U. S. Artillery, and Prof. P. S. Michie, U. S. M. A.

The Division of Marine and Naval Engineering and Naval Architecture is under the direction of Engineer-in-Chief George W. Melville, U. S. N., with the assistance of an advisory council composed of eminent naval architects and marine engineers of both this and foreign countries. Among the papers which will be read is one by Sir Nathaniel Barnaby, K. O. B., on "The Best War Vessel;" another by Colonel Nabor Soliani, of the Italian Navy, on the use of liquid fuel on the vessels of the Italian Navy. Professor Ira N. Hollis, late U. S. N., and now Professor of Engineering at Harvard University, will read a paper on problems confronting the designer of naval machinery and the success which has been attained in their solution. Among the distinguished names which oc-

cur in the list of foreign authors who will read papers are those of Prof. J. Harvard Biles, University of Glasgow; Prof. J. H. Cotterill, Royal Naval College, England; James Dredge, editor of Engineering and British Commissioner to the World's Fair; R. E. Froude, director of the Admiralty Experimental Works, England; Herr Langner, principal assistant to the Director of Naval Constructors, Imperial German Navy; W. E. Smith, Chief Constructor British Navy; A. F. Yarrow, of torpedo boat fame. There are many others representing the largest ship building concerns and most of the world's navies. Among the Americans are Charles and Edwin Cramp, James S. Doran, Charles M. Everest, E. D. Leavitt, W. T. Malster, Columbian Iron Works, Baltimore; Lewis Nixon, Superintending Naval Architect of the Cramps; N. F. Palmer, President Quintard Iron Works; Irving Scott, Union Iron Works, and a score of others.

A DESPATCH to the New York Times says: "There is some talk in the War Department of issuing a new volume of the Army Regulations." The unhappy students of the present much amended edition have been for some time past, and are now, living in hopes that the prospect of a new volume corrected to date is not all "talk," but a decided fact.

ALTHOUGH the present Administration has not defined its position yet in regard to civilian appointments it would not be surprising if the great pressure now being brought to bear to fill several of the existing vacancies in the grade of 2d lieutenant from civil life. There are eleven of these vacancies at present, six of which will be required for the non-commissioned officers who were ordered this week to appear for final examination before the Ft. Leavenworth board, which convenes on Sept. 1.

GOVERNOR JONES, of Alabama, for causing a sentry to receive complimentary mention in general orders because he refused to allow him to pass the lines at the militia encampment without giving the countersign has been criticised by the *Chattanooga Times*, which says: "This patting a man on the back for doing his duty is a senseless piece of business, and leads to the impression that instances of the full performance of the duty that soldiers have sworn to carry out are scarce. If the sentry had not stopped the Governor he should have been court-martialled."

A LONDON correspondent writes about the Siamese imbroglio: "Apparently the French have persuaded themselves that England cannot object to the dismemberment of Siam because she herself recently grabbed Upper Burmah. This displays an almost startling ignorance of English character. John Bull historically reserves his most vehement indignation for attempts of other people to imitate his own high-handed aggressions. He glows with quite a natural rage at the mere suggestion of anybody else's right to appropriate aboriginal territory anywhere on the globe. In the present instance, however, he is more than usually justified in rolling up his sleeves. His trade with Siam amounts to \$18,000,000 a year, against a French \$40,000. He has 13,500 Britons engaged in this commerce, against 250 Frenchmen."

GENERAL WESLEY MERRITT, U. S. A., is quoted as saying in a recent interview on Army matters: "A term of service judiciously spent in the Army is an advantage to a young man second only to a university course. It improves him physically, broadens his mental view, and fits him to compete in life with the educated and enterprising. Some of the most successful men in the Western country are among those who have served a term of enlistment in the Army. They are proud of their service and grateful for the advantages it has brought them. No young man not having superior advantages need now hesitate to adopt the Army as an experience which will increase his opportunities for success in any profession." These be good words and true.

CHAPLAIN C. C. BATEMAN, U. S. A., in a recent address in Chicago on "The Soldier as I Find Him," says: "The men in the Army assist the Chaplain and take an interest in the work. But they watch him closely and will brook no deception. If, for instance, he is strong on temperance, and they find him drinking privately with the officers his influence is forever gone. In the Army we are apt to find out one another's private habits, and the Chaplain doesn't escape. He must be courteous to his superiors and his equals as well as to his inferiors. A man who performs his duty gets on anywhere, and a minister of the gospel never has any trouble. If the Chaplain is a man of common sense he gets on well in camp. Is the common soldier dissolute, a drunkard, immoral? I answer emphatically, No."

For the information of all concerned, we state that the proper way to address mail matter for the post near Atlanta is "Fort McPherson, Georgia," not "Fort McPherson, Atlanta, Georgia."

GENERAL Orders 61, issued this week from Army Headquarters, authorizing any officer having funds for the purpose, to pay commutation of rations to soldiers on furlough, will be a welcome relief to the soldier who has hitherto experienced considerable delay in getting money due for this purpose by reason of regulations requiring the transmission of his accounts to Washington. The permission granted for the issue of fresh mutton in lieu of fresh beef is another improvement adopted on the suggestion of the commissary general.

At the recent congress of chaplains in Chicago a resolution was adopted in which there was kindly intimation of a recognition of an advance movement in the Army in the spirit which has obtained as to its temperance habits, but that our ideal has not been reached; that the post exchange system is a shade better than the old post trader system, but there is needed a better conformity to the temperance principles than now obtain in civil life. The allusion to the "temperance principles that now obtain in civil life" is appreciated.

THE New York papers of July 24 made much space reading out of a little rumpus which occurred the day before at Highland Falls between soldiers of the cavalry and engineer battalion on duty at the Military Academy. The martial spirit must have vent occasionally in time of peace, and therefore when no enemy is in sight a little bout with a friend serves to keep the hand in. They met, they quarrelled, they came to blows as comrades sometimes will, and doubtless are now the best of friends. But the space writer on the dailies must have vent once in a while as well as everyone else.

WHEN news of the loss of the *Victoria* reached Chicago, the flags on Victoria House and other English and Canadian buildings at the World's Fair were placed at half-mast. In the Transportation Building broad curtains of black crepe were hung about the splendid model of the *Victoria* which is there exhibited. This model is the finest and most complete of a modern war vessel ever built and was constructed for exhibition during the Queen's Jubilee. Its cost exceeded \$25,000, being built on a scale of one inch to the foot, the most minute rigging and every detail of the armor being carefully shown. The public interest in the catastrophe was shown by the large crowds who gathered on the elevated platforms before the model, asking many questions of the old English sea captain and sailors in charge of the exhibit.

THE July number of the "Journal of the United States Artillery," published at the Artillery School, is an excellent one. In addition to some interesting Notes on Artillery and Book Notices, it contains the following extended articles: Vertical Fire, by General Henry L. Abbot, Corps of Engineers; The Artillery of the U. S. National Guard, by Lieutenant Elisha S. Benton, 31 Artillery; The Forage Ration for horses of Field Artillery and Cavalry, by Lieutenant Edw. E. Gayle, 2d Artillery; A contribution to the Interior Ballistics of Smokeless Powder, by Lieutenant Lucien G. Berry, 4th Artillery; A new powder—"The present phase of smokeless compounds," by Lieutenant Willoughby Walke, 5th Artillery; The Artillery-Fire Game (Robne), translated by Lieutenant John P. Wissner, 1st Artillery; On the determination of the combustion temperature of explosives, translated from the German by Lieutenant Cornelis De W. Wilcox, 2d Artillery; Artillery difficulties of the next war, by Lieutenant John W. Ruokman, 1st Artillery. This last is a fine professional article, which should be read by every artillery officer. The usual Notes on Artillery and Book Notices complete the number.

THE formation of the United States Infantry Society with headquarters at Fort Leavenworth, being now an accomplished fact, it may be well for all infantry officers to bear in mind the remarks of one of their number at the inception of the organization:

I believe the time has come when the interests of the infantry demand such an organization as will have the effect of drawing us closer together for counsel and action in things which concern our professional improvement and interests. We are not united. Territorially, we are scattered broadcast, as it were, to the remote corners of the country. In sentiment, in thought, in action, we are no less separated. In war our arm is the largest, the most powerful, and the most important component part of a complete Army. In peace we find it relatively the smallest, the most self-neglected and the weakest part. I believe this condition is due to ourselves. We have not taken advantage of our opportunities to improve our professional standing and interests. We have let things drift. We have neither exerted nor asserted ourselves, until now we are awaking to the fact that the dignity of our arm, its professional usefulness and interests, demand attention. I do not wish to be misunderstood. I arraign no one. The infantry stands self arraigned. In my opinion the way to a correction of the state of affairs of which we complain is thorough organization."

GENTLEMEN who speculate on the bourse are disposed to think just now that Lieut. C. A. L. Totten, U. S. A., was not far wrong in saying the judgment day for about this time, and they would give him a large premium upon his capacity to predict the future.

ONE Sergeant Major, one 1st Sergeant, three Sergeants, one Corporal and one private are soon to undergo the final test, at Fort Leavenworth, as to whether or not they are qualified to hold commissions in the Army. We wish these six young gentlemen of laudable ambition complete success.

THE court-martial papers in the case of Capt. E. L. Bailey, 4th Inf., involving dismissal, are awaiting the action of the Commanding General. No action will be taken on the recommendation of Gen. Smith for the trial of Maj. J. W. Wham, P. M. Dep., on charges of indebtedness, until Secretary Lamont returns to Washington.

SECOND COMPTROLLER MAKER has made the following ruling in regard to the withholding of an officer's pay: "Under the act of July 16, 1892 (27 Stat. 177), the pay of officers of the Army may be withheld under sec. 1768 of the R. S. on account of an indebtedness to the United States admitted or shown by the judgment of a court, but not otherwise, unless upon a special order issued according to the discretion of the Secretary of War."

In a recent article in the London Times, Lord Brassey quotes the late Sir Spencer Robinson, who favored the construction of rams as satellites to the battleship; the United States Naval Department, and the ARMY AND NAVY JOURNAL, which, after the disaster to the *Groser Kurfurst* in 1878, announced that "the ram must hereafter play an important part in naval war."

THE Temps of July 27 gives a detailed account of how the French gunboats forced a passage up the Menam River. The gunboats entered the channel about 6 o'clock in the evening, and immediately both forts and the Siamese gunboats opened fire on the French warships. The French gunboats crossed the bar notwithstanding the explosion of a submarine torpedo directly ahead of the fleet. The *Inconstante* rammed and sunk the Siamese gunboat. It is expected that a blockade of the Siamese coast by the French fleet will not begin until Saturday or Sunday next to give time for all the powers to receive notice.

RECENT DEATHS.

LIEUTENANT HIERO TAYLOR, U. S. N., retired, who died July 14, at Charlottesville, Va., entered the Naval Academy in 1873 and attained the grade of lieutenant (junior grade) Jan. 29, 1887. Owing to ill health he was obliged to retire June 1, 1892. Although comparatively a young man a widow and five children survive him.

A DESPATCH of July 22 from St. Louis reports the death by drowning at Fort Custer of 1st Lieut. Powhatan H. Clarke, 10th U. S. Cavalry. The particulars of the sad event are given in another column. Lieut. Clarke was born in Louisiana, was graduated from the Military Academy in 1884, and promoted 1st Lieutenant in April, 1891. He was an able officer, and his services abroad with the Cavalry of the German Army, and his pithy comments proceeding from that experience are of recent publicity. In the death of this young and progressive officer the Army has met a severe loss.

GENERAL ALEJANDRO RODRIGUEZ ARIAS, Governor General of Cuba, died at Havana July 14.

CAPTAIN HAS C. DE LIMA, who served during a portion of the war as an acting master of the U. S. Navy, died July 21 at Mount Vernon, N. Y.

REV. GEO. PAUL BARRY, deacon of St. Charles Seminary, who died on Wednesday at the residence of his uncle, Chief Engr. Jackson McEwell, U. S. Navy, 1931 Spring Garden street, Philadelphia, was the son of Helen C. and the late Chief Engr. Geo. J. Barry, U. S. N., one of the oldest Catholic families in the city. After passing through the Mount Vernon public school and taking a two years' course in the Central High School, young Barry entered the Seminary of St. Charles in September, 1884, and he would have entered the priesthood at the next ordination. He was one of the prefects of the seminary, and was universally esteemed for his honest, manly qualities, intellectual attainments and piety. Since the beginning of the vacation season he had been ailing, but his illness did not take a serious turn until two weeks ago, when meningitis developed. He was attended by Rev. Father McQuade, of the Cathedral, and Archbishop Ryan was among those who called upon him. The funeral took place from his uncle's residence, and solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated at the Cathedral. The celebrant was the Very Rev. John E. Barry, V. G., of the Diocese of Manchester, uncle of the deceased. Two seminarians acted as deacon and sub-deacon, and the choir was composed of students. Rev. Thos. F. Kennedy, D. D., professor in the seminary, preached. Interment in the Old Cathedral Cemetery.

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WEST POINT.

JULY 26, 1893.

THE duration of Camp Sheridan, which would have been shortened ten days in any event by the departure of the cadets for Chicago on Aug. 17, will be still further curtailed. The camp equipment will be taken from West Point; consequently it has been decided to strike the camp one week before the anticipated departure of the cadets in order to allow plenty of time for necessary preparations, packing, etc. The corps will remain on barracks on Aug. 10 and remain until the date of their departure, Aug. 17. The following officers will accompany the Corps on the trip: Capt. W. F. Sourin, 21st Inf., quartermaster and commissary of cadets; Major P. F. Harvey, post surgeon; Lieut.-Col. S. M. Mills, 5th Art., commandant of cadets and instructor of tactics; Lieut. A. B. Deer, 4th Art., senior instructor of artillery tactics; Lieut. S. M. Dunning, 16th Inf., senior assistant instructor of infantry tactics, commanding band and detachment of field music; Lieut. W. P. Richardson, 8th Inf.; T. B. Mott, 1st Art.; D. L. Tate, 3d Cav., and W. H. Allaire, 23d Inf., assistant instructors of tactics, each commanding a company of cadets, and Lieut. M. C. Butler, Jr., 5th Cav., assistant instructor of cavalry tactics.

Fifteen of the furlough class have staid their intention of accompanying the Corps from West Point, twenty-one will join at Chicago, the other members of the class will not be present. This acquisition brings the number of cadets to almost 500, about 200. The officers, members of the band, enlisted men employed as orderlies, detail from Co. L, Engineers, etc., will swell the number to about 850. It seems to have been at length decided that the visit to Detroit will be an impossibility.

Company drills, usually associated with August, have been in progress for a week. The proficiency displayed by the present 4th Class in the manual is very noticeable. Constant practice should make the Corps almost perfect by the time that it shall be called into requisition at the World's Fair.

Maj. Marcus P. Miller, 5th Art., whose son is a member of the 4th Class, arrived at West Point to-day. The wife and daughter of Senator M. C. Butler and the brother and sister of Lieut. Dunning are at the hotel. Mrs. U. S. Grant, Gen. James Grant Wilson, Mrs. Wilson and Miss Wilson are at Cranston's. Dr. N. J. Blackwood, U. S. N., and Mrs. Blackwood; Lieut. Vothers, of the German Army; Lieut. John H. Willis, 23d Inf.; R. B. Raymond, Engineer, and C. G. Sawtelle, 7th Cav.; Carlos Calderon, Minister of the Treasury of Colombia; Cipriano Calderon, Consul General of Colombia; Mr. L. L. Britton, Communist, nor to the World's Fair from the Republic of Colombia, have been among recent visitors. Miss Sanford, daughter of Col. G. B. Sanford, retired, has been a guest of M. S. Dyer.

Lieut. Powhatan H. Clarke, 10th Cav., who was drowned while diving in the Little Big Horn, near Fort Custer, Mont., on July 21, is well remembered here. Lieut. Clarke was a graduate of '84, excelled greatly popular with his classmates, and an universal favorite at the post socially. His brilliant career has been watched with great interest by his many friends here, who regret most deeply its untimely close.

Mrs. Ozden, widow of Lieut. Ozden, who met his death in the same manner as Lieut. Clarke (near Hamburg, Mich.), a few days before, is well remembered as Miss Auman, a frequent guest of Mrs. Dodge. Mrs. Ozden is a daughter of Capt. Wm. Auman, 13th Inf.

The following cadet appointments have been issued during the past week:
Sebastine H. McDowell, Cynthia, 9th Dist., Ky.
John W. Campbell, Shenandoah, 13th Dist., Pa.
Frank L. Jordan, Pocahontas, Ariz.
James W. Furlow, Americus, 3d Dist., Ga.

THE winner in a race of 117 bicyclists from Vienna to Berlin, made the distance in less than one-half the time taken on the last year's cruel horse ride, the average being thirteen miles per hour.

THE manoeuvres of the Italian Army will take place between Sept. 2 and 14, the forces being reinforced by men classed in the first categories of 1867 for all arms, and of 1862-63 for the mobile militia.

AT the Bieler meeting of the National Rifle Association the Elcho Challenge Shield was won by the English team, with 1,688 marks. The Irish team had 1,652 marks; the Scotch, 1,649. The highest possible score is 1,800 marks. Sergeant Davies of the 1st Welsh Rifle Regiment won the Queen's prize by a score of 274 points.

Capt. Sampson, Chief of the Naval Ordnance Bureau, has returned from the torpedo station at Tiverton, R. I., bringing full confirmation of our recent reports of the satisfactory progress being made in the trials of the Howell torpedoes there. The shots are remarkable for accuracy. As the torpedo heretofore, while speedy enough, has been slightly erratic in its course, this trial is regarded as evidence of a most satisfactory improvement, which in the judgment of the torpedo experts promises to place the American weapon ahead of its English rival, the Whitehead.

THE Navy Department is being criticised for taking the unusual course of retiring Admiral Harmony by telegraph the moment he arrived from San Francisco from the China station instead of waiting until he arrived at his home in the East, thus depriving him of his mileage. Admiral Harmony, while on active duty in command of the Asiatic station, notified the Navy Dept. that he would apply to be retired under the act authorizing retirement after 40 years of service. He fixed the date at June 29, 1893. Accordingly, the Secretary relieved him from duty with orders to proceed to his home, as is the custom in such cases. The admiral reached San Francisco on or about June 25, and on the 28th the Department received telegraphic notice to that effect. The next day Admiral Harmony was placed upon the retired list and duly notified by telegraph of that fact. A little less haste would have enabled him to receive his mileage home, and his request for retirement did not take effect until the 29th. Certainly an officer of his service was entitled to every consideration.

BORN in the Mediterranean and the Channel, the French manoeuvres of this year are intended to show the value of cruisers in reconnaissance at long distances. In the Mediterranean, the active squadron, containing three divisions under Vice Admiral Vigier, will operate against the reserve squadron (two divisions), commanded by Vice Admiral de Bousoudy. This last, representing the enemy, will issue from its harborage at the Iles d'Hyères, to attack the coast of Algeria between Bougie and Cape Bon, or to strike a blow at Corsica. The squadron of Admiral Vigier, lying in the harbor of Ajaccio, will spread its cruisers in order to ascertain the course taken by the enemy, and will then put to sea to capture or repel them. In the channel the enemy's ships will force the Straits of Dover, and enter the channel with the intention of assailing the French coast, while the defending squadron at Cherbourg will endeavor to defeat them. The whole of the manoeuvres will be mobilized during the week of fighting operations.

LIEUTENANT CLARKE'S DEATH.

No particulars of the death of Lieut. Powhatan H. Clarke, of the 10th Cavalry, who was drowned near Fort Custer, Mont., have been received either at the War Department or at his late home in Baltimore. A correspondent of the St. Louis Republic at Fort Custer furnishes the following:

Lieut. Powhatan H. Clarke, 10th U. S. Cav., died in the Little Big Horn River, Mont., not many miles below the spot on the same river where the Sioux killed Custer seventeen years ago. Lieut. Clarke with two brother officers rode to the river to swim their horses and enjoy a bath. There were several enlisted men present, a detachment of Troop E 10th Cavalry, engaged in swimming drill, and others who were there for personal pleasure. In all there were probably twenty men in and near the water.

After swimming their horses to and fro across a circular pool in the river not more than 40 yards in its greatest diameter, and about six feet in depth, the three officers separated. Lieut. Clarke proceeded alone to a pool about the same size only a few rods higher up the river. There he was seen to tie up his horse and go to the river bank, from which he almost immediately dived into the pool. He thought that he was diving into deep water, the average depth of the pool being from ten to twelve feet. He nor anyone else at that time was aware that from the point where he dived a shelving bank caused shallow water for several feet, and that the bed of the stream was there studded with sharp edged stones, some about the size of a man's head. The water here would not reach higher than Lieut. Clarke's waist. Diving from a high bank he struck headforemost in the shallow water and on the stones. An enlisted man standing near by saw him rise from the dive. It was noticed that his hair was discolored at the moment, the man thought by mud. Lieut. Clarke was apparently swimming, but not with regular strokes. The man noticed that the strokes seemed to be almost spasmodic.

After being above water for only four or five yards Lieut. Clarke apparently again dived beneath the surface, but came up again very quickly, only to again suddenly disappear. This time the enlisted man was sure that it was blood, not mud, on the officer's head. The alarm was immediately given and men and officers crowded to the spot. A private of Troop E swimming squad leaped from his horse and swam to where the lieutenant had last been seen. Diving down he caught Lieut. Clarke by the wrist. Lieut. Clarke was struggling in the water. The man could use only the left hand for swimming and by reason of the swift current and struggles of the officer he was forced to let go. The officer then sank out of sight and touch.

The two other officers and the men continued to dive and search for their comrade's body, for it was now felt that the body could only be recovered. It was left, however, for Lieut. Wm. L. Johnston, 10th Cavalry, who at the time of the accident was in the post, but to whom the word of danger had come, to rescue the body. Within a few minutes after Lieut. Johnston's arrival this was done. Lieut. Clarke's head showed three ugly cuts. It is quite evident that stunned by the dive into shallow water and rocks he, by the current and by his own struggles, was swept into deep water, in which he died. Every possible effort was made for his resuscitation, but all in vain.

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ANGEL ISLAND, CAL.

JULY 15, 1893.

COL. SHAFER has gone on a hunting trip to Spokane until about Aug. 12. He left fully equipped.

Capt. Tisdall is on regimental recruiting service at Sacramento, Cal., and outlying points, and is doing a fairly good business with the ranching community in obtaining recruits, although the three-year act and purchase of discharge has badly depleted the regiment of old soldiers. A short time since fully half the regiment was composed of old soldiers who had been with it through all the campaigns of Arizona and Texas years.

Mrs. Dougherty left July 13 to join Capt. Dougherty at the Hooper Valley reservation.

Lieut. L. H. Strother, 1st Infantry, has gone to Chicago on duty at the World's Fair, and will doubtless find it more congenial than traveling through the snow at 30 deg. below zero, as he did at Pine Ridge in 1890, while in command of a troop of Cheyenne scouts.

Pvt. McCarthy, Co. A, an old soldier, well liked, died of intestinal disease July 3.

C. E. 1st Infantry, is down from Benicia for the purpose of shooting, as they have no range there. They have just finished and will return to their station immediately, when the remainder of the Benicia garrison (Cos. C and F), 1st Infantry, will come down.

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FORT WOOD, N. Y. H.

JULY 23, 1893.

THE base ball team of Co. A Athletic Association of Fort Wood, played a game of ball at Fort Wadsworth on Friday, July 21, and were once more victorious with a score of 18 to 14 in favor of the Fort Wood boys. The Fort Wood team acted as the home team, entertaining their visitors with their usual hospitality. Mr. K. Day, of Fort Wadsworth, acted as umpire, and cannot be too highly commended for the impartial way in which he umpired the game, giving entire satisfaction to both sides. The Fort Wood team expects to play a series of games with the Fort Niagara team during the coming month, of which more later.

Military Order of the Loyal Legion.

A circular issued by the Pennsylvania Commandery says: "It has been suggested that the Commandery place at the Headquarters of Gen. Meade at Gettysburg a staff from which shall fly every day in the year, from sunrise to sunset, the flag of the United States. Almost every position upon that memorable field is designated, but the house in which were held the deliberations fraught with a great moment to the country is not suitably marked. For the Loyal Legion to place there with appropriate ceremonies the emblem of our nationality would seem a fitting thing. A contribution is requested from each companion."

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

TROOPS A and H, 5th Cav., and Lieut. Bat. F. 31st Art., under command of M. J. B. Burbank, have gone to Austin to take part in the encampment of the Texas Volunteer Guard at that point. Capt. Root, J. Gibson, asst. surg., is the medical officer. The following line officers are with the command: Artillery—Maj. J. B. Burbank, Lieut. J. D. C. Hoke, Geo. I. Bartlett and Edgar Russell, Cavalry—Lieut. G. W. Rad, J. B. Ballinger and E. B. Williams, Jr. The infantry companies and band, under command of Col. J. J. Coppinger, will leave for the camp July 22.

OUR NAVAL OFFICERS IN IRELAND.

ACTING REAR ADMIRAL ERBEN and sixteen officers of the U. S. *Chicago* visited Queenstown on the invitation of the mayor, and were entertained and wined, after visiting many notable places in the city in carriages. In toasting the Admiral after dinner the mayor said:

"This was the first occasion on which an American Admiral had visited the port of Cork. He was sure that the Admiral would be pleased with his experience of the city, because the feeling of the Irish towards the American people was one of the most kindly nature (applause). Whenever he saw that flag, and whenever he heard the inspiring tune of the National Anthem of America his heart warmed, and he would say that no heart in America—from the southern shores of Florida to the borders of Canada, or from San Francisco to New York—thrilled more heartily than his when he gazed on the flag of free America" (applause).

Rear Admiral Erben, in reply, said he was only about ten days in the port. He had never passed ten days more agreeably, in truth, he had never had a better time in his life. He did not know, as His Honor the Mayor had said, that he was the first American Admiral that had visited Queenstown, but he knew when he got back all right to the other side, he would say that any man, if he knew where to go, he would go to Queenstown, and he would meet there a hospitable, a generous and an Irish welcome (applause). Heartily was the reception they had met with every step they had taken since they arrived in that beautiful country. When they came into the harbor they saw the girls waving handkerchiefs out of the windows; some one said they were not handkerchiefs, but sheets, but he replied no matter what they are, it is a welcome, and it shows they are up early in the morning. He received a cordial welcome in the morning, and had been meeting it all the way since. If he were to show the company the letters he had written home to his wife, the Corporation would see how he felt the friendly welcome he had received from Irishmen and women—a welcome that he never saw equalled in heartiness in his life (hear, hear). He had been through Killarney, and saw there the women, children and girls, laughing, joyous and happy, under fine skies and in the rain. A friend said to him: "Is this what we expected when we came to Queenstown and Ireland?" and he replied: "Indeed it was not." He had seen this happy people, and he was glad of that. He would return to America now with a better idea of Ireland and the Irish than he ever had before from reading all the works from Froude to Father Tom Bourke, and he had read them all. He learned more in two weeks than he had learned all the years before (hear, hear). They had a good many Irishmen in America. People complained and said, "Oh, they get into politics." No doubt they did sometimes (laughter). They had heard about the Irish flag floating over the Municipal buildings in his native town of New York, and he was glad to see the American flag floating over the Town Hall of Cork. Before his honor the Mayor had pointed it out to him he had seen it, and he was glad to see it. He would advise everyone to come to Queenstown; it was the best port on the coast, and the more that came there the better off they would be. He asked his shipmates to rise with him and join in a toast—the toast of prosperity to their splendid harbor and town (applause).

UNDER date of June 27 Commander Ludlow reports from Humboldt harbor, Popoff Island, the following operations of the Bering Sea fleet up to that date:

The flagship *Mohican* sailed from Sitka June 19 and arrived at Kodiak on the 23d. Here communication was had with the deputy collector, and two schooners were boarded and warned. Arriving at Humboldt harbor June 25, the *Albatross* and *Ranger* were found in port.

The *Rush* also came in a few hours later. The *Albatross* and *Rush* had searched all of the harbors and carried out orders efficiently. The *Ranger* was to search and warn schooners on the Sitka and Baird banks and reach Agattu Island July 15, where there was to be a rendezvous of sealers. Later she was to take station east and southeast of the Seal Islands. The *Corvina* left June 20 on a cruise about the Seal Islands all summer. The *Mohican* spoke the British man-of-war *Garnet* and exchanged courtesies. The *Mohican* was to leave June 28 for Dutch harbor on a general cruise.

The report states that almost every sailing vessel known to be on the American side of the sea has been warned by the squadron. The two British ships, the *Garnet* and *Nymph*, were also active in patrol work, boarding and warning seventeen sealers, two of which were American. Up to the time of Capt. Ludlow's writing, the *Ranger* had boarded nine American and two British ships; the *Albatross* seven American and fourteen British; the *Rush*, twelve American and six British; and the *Mohican*, Capt. Ludlow's flagship, six American and one British vessel.

Capt. Ludlow states that twenty-two vessels were boarded and inspected by American men-of-war, and seven by ships of the British squadron.

LATE ARMY ORDERS.

Lt. Geo. B. Backus, 1st Cav., ordered before retiring board to convene at Ft. Logan.
Capt. H. S. Foster, 20th Inf., and John C. Dent, 20th Inf., are relieved from college duty Sept. 1.
Capt. Richard W. Johnson, asst. surg., ordered to temporary duty at Ft. McHenry, Md.
Lts. H. D. Waite and Geo. W. Read, 5th Cav., ordered to exchange companies.
Leave granted: Capt. Henry Jackson, 7th Cavalry, four months; Capt. Wm. A. Kobb, 51st Artillery, two months; Lieut. E. H. Brown, 4th Infantry, two months.
The death of Lieut. Powhatan H. Clark, 10th Cav., was officially reported to the War Department July 28.

In the course of two weeks the Naval Ordnance Bureau will subject to firing test a 7-inch Harvey-nickel-steel plate representing a lot of side armor for the monitor *Puritan*. Part of the armor for this vessel was made of plain nickel-steel by the Bethlehem Iron Company, and part of the Harvey-nickel plate by the Carnegie Company, and the comparison of resisting qualities is expected to be interesting and instructive.

Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

A FAITHFUL SOLDIER HONORED.

FORT SULLY, SOUTH DAKOTA, July 18, 1893.

ONE PARADE of the battalion at Fort Sully, S. D., is very much like another, but the one held to-day possessed an interest all its own, in that it was the last one to be attended by the oldest member, in point of service, of the 12th Inf. Orders had been received the day before placing upon the retired list of the Army, upon his own application, after thirty years' service, Sergeant William Murphy, Co. B, 12th Infantry. Soon after Sergeant Murphy applied for retirement, the officers of his regiment at this station decided to present him with a token of the esteem in which he is held by all, and this token took the form of the Corps Badge of "Sheridan's Cavalry Corps," of which Murphy had been a member. The badge was procured some days ago by Lieut. Mills, who had been appointed a committee for this purpose, and the presentation was made to-day during the parade. The Commanding Officer had invited the ladies of the garrison to accompany him, and all the residents of the post to be present on the parade ground during the ceremonies. The presence of the parties invited, of itself, lent an added interest to the otherwise routine ceremony of parade.

After the usual exercise in the manual of arms and the publication of routine orders, the officers closed on the centre and marched to the front, saluting the Commanding Officer, who requested them to remain with him and the ladies. The Adjutant then stepped forward and called Sergeant Murphy to the front of the battalion, and published the order of retirement and the post order announcing it, saying:

In transmitting to Sergt. Wm. Murphy, Co. B, 12th Inf., the order of the President retiring Sergt. Murphy from active service, the commanding officer cannot refrain from giving expression to his feeling of regard for the Sergeant's long service and devotion to duty; sentiments shared alike by every officer and man of this command. It is a pleasure thus to testify to the regard in which the "old soldier" is held by his officers, and a sorrow to say good-bye to the veterans, of whom our ranks are being depleted by the ruthless hand of time. The honorable service chevrons which so worthily adorn the arm of Sergt. Murphy, are rapidly disappearing from our battalions. Murphy is the last to go of the three companies here stationed. The esteem in which he is held by this command is, perhaps, best voiced in the following letter of "good-bye," signed by all the officers of his regiment stationed at this post.

FORT SULLY, S. D., July 18, 1893.

"Sergeant William Murphy, Company B, 12th Infantry: 'Sir: It is with great regret that the officers of the regiment here stationed say good-bye to you on your transfer to the retired list of the Army. Oldest, in length of service with the regiment, of all its members, you have seen each of us join the regiment. For 23 years your history has been that of Co. B, 12th Infantry, and there have been no trials, dangers or hardships in its duties which you have not shared. And you have come to be, not only the father of your company, but its pride, as the model 'old soldier.' We shall miss you greatly and your welfare will be our earnest wish."

"As before joining the Regular Service you served in the glorious 'Sheridan's Cavalry Corps,' we, the officers of the 12th Infantry, stationed at this post, have thought that the corps badge of your war service corps might be to you a pleasant memento of other days; and so we beg of you to accept it with all our best wishes for your long and happy enjoyment of well earned rest on the retired list of the United States Army."

"Very respectfully, your obedient servants,
"J. H. GAGNEY, Major, 12th Inf.; A. B. MACGOWAN, Capt., 12th Inf.; J. L. VIVIER, Capt., 12th Inf.; FRED A. SMITH, Capt., 12th Inf.; STEPHEN C. MILLS, 1st Lieut., 12th Inf.; MILLARD W. WALTER, 1st Lieut., 12th Inf.; WILBUR E. DOWS, 2d Lieut., 12th Inf.; WILLIAMSON MARKLAND, 2d Lieut., 12th Inf."

"By order of Major Gageby:
"MILLARD W. WALTER, 1st Lieut., 12th Inf., Post Adjt."

Upon concluding the publication of the order, the adjutant stepped aside, the commanding officer, accompanied by the officers and ladies, moved forward and addressed the sergeant as follows:

"SERGEANT MURPHY: I have been selected by the officers of the 12th Infantry, stationed at this post, to present to you this badge; it is the badge of the Corps in which you served faithfully and honorably during the war, the famous Sheridan Cavalry Corps."

"I ask of you to accept it as a token of their esteem, and their high regard for you as a faithful soldier. It is a source of regret to a great majority of the officers, as well as many enlisted men who desire to make the Army their home, that the present laws concerning enlistments will deprive us of the association with the old soldier element of our Army, men tried and true."

"Hidder you good-bye causes us a feeling of sadness too, when we think that the wheels of time are slowly but surely marching our war element of the Army to its final parade; yet it is a consolation to such as yourself that you lived at a time when our Union was threatened and that you, manfully, served against the foe who sought to destroy it."

"The younger officers join the older ones in the presentation of this badge commendatory to your past services."

The major then pinned the badge to the sergeant's coat, and bade him good-bye and God-speed. Each of his officers then said good-bye to him in turn, and, while the tears welled in his own eyes, those of the grizzled captains, the gray lieutenants, and the youthful "subs" were not altogether unresponsive of moisture. It was to give opportunity for the officers thus to say good-bye to their faithful friend and old comrade, and thus publicly to show their appreciation of a follower's loyalty to duty, that the orders were postponed until the officers had saluted the commanding officer.

Sergt. Murphy expressed his thanks for this mark of approbation from his regimental officers, with much feeling, and returned to his place in the battalion, just made vacant. The parade terminated by the companies passing in review before the commanding officer. Mrs. Viven took a photograph of the group of officers, and also one of the non-commissioned officers of Co. B, with Sergt. Murphy in the centre of the latter group.

When one reflects upon what it means to break asunder the relations of 28 years (for that is the time Sgt. Murphy has served in Co. B), and start in old age under new conditions of life, one may appreciate, in part, the solemnity of the occasion thus imperfectly portrayed. The writer recalls one instance in his own life in which his feelings were doubtless somewhat analogous to those of Sergt. Murphy to-day; it was when he attended his "graduating parade" at West Point, said "good-bye" to his officers, to his company, to his battalion, to his classmates, and severed forever the relations; which had been formed during four years.

THE STATE TROOPS.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

NEW YORK STATE CAMP OF INSTRUCTION.

FREEKILL, July 22, 1893.

EIGHTH REGIMENT.

Handicapped by the dearth of commissioned officers needed to perform the work of the week, Col. Geo. D. Scott's Eighth regiment relieved the Twelfth Saturday, July 15. The command was in two battalions, under Lieut. Col. Schilling and Maj. Chauncey, numbering for duty 23 officers, 464 enlisted men—427 Absent, 4 officers, 77 men—81. Total, 508. The evening parade showed the weakness of the command, while its lack of attention to minor details was painfully noticeable. The same may be said of the ceremonies of Sunday. The guard mount was positively bad, while there was little or no improvement in the evening's parade. Throughout the week the camp at night was never in a state of perfect quiet, while the guard-house for the first time this season was most comfortably filled. The early work of Monday and Tuesday, squads and sections in extended order, was far from satisfactory, and plainly demonstrated a lack of army instruction; the squad and section leaders were deficient and careless, while the company officers were extremely lax in the correction of errors. In the forenoon drills by battalion closed order, matters were much improved, for the field officers had direct supervision of the work. These movements by battalion in closed order showed the aptitude of non-com. officers and men and plainly proved that the weakness of the Eighth is in its company officers.

The platoon drills by company on Wednesday morning were very tame, but under the safe guidance of the field officers and the official instructors the close of these drills was of a most satisfactory character. At the recall all were pleased at the general result of the morning's drill. The guard ceremony of this day was hardly a whit better than those of its predecessors, and was marred only by the defects of the details from the Buffalo regiment. The platoon drill by battalion in closed order was another exhibition of the lack of nerve in the company officers.

The apparent ease with which officers and sergeants blunder in this platoon drill by battalion passes comprehension. The movements are of a most simple character, and with the exception of the formations of the platoons in column of fours are a mere repetition of the old tactics, and the spectator can hardly realize why company officers and guides should lose their confidence when executing these very simple movements, but that such is the fact has been illustrated by every command but one—the 10th Battalion—who have made the tour of camp this season. By persistent work, however, the major was enabled to infuse much of his confidence into the platoon commanders and the closing movements of the drill were clean and smooth.

The evening parade of this day was far from what might be expected, the line of masses were poorly dressed and there was a decided lack of unity in the execution of the manual. The march off, however, was all that could be looked for, men steady, alignments perfect and the step regular.

The company in extended order was the lesson for the early drills of Thursday and Friday. This morning's work was of the crudest sort, simply from the ignorance and lack of confidence in the company officers. However after repeated trials and constant explanations by the field officers the company and platoon commanders began to realize what the drill meant, and this with the midday drill, produced a very fair exhibition on Friday morning. They were in fact the best company drills of the week, and proved that with proper army instruction the command as a whole would have made a much better showing. Maj. Chauncey had command at the battalion extension in the forenoon, assisted by Col. Palsterer and Lieut. Hardin, and though many of the smaller details were slurred, the general idea was firmly stamped upon the minds of officers and men, so that on the third repetition there was indeed very little fault to find. The squads, sections, and platoons were active and correct, the reserves prompt, and the firings and rushes excellent. The guard ceremony was a very weak attempt, while the formations for the evening parade lacked snap and unity.

Lieut. Col. Schilling took the first portion of the midday drill on Friday and succeeded in a manner that pleased officers, men and spectators. Twice the battalion extension was repeated and from the very first everything worked smoothly. Blank ammunition was then issued and the Colonel relinquished the command to M. J. Chauncey. These two hours work was the most successful of the week and well repaid the battalion commanders for the labor expended in school and on the field. The veterans of the regiment visited camp in the afternoon, and as this was the anniversary of the first battle of Bull Run, the old battle flag of the 8th was displayed in front of the Colonel's tent. This evening's parade was also a success, and it was a satisfaction to the officers to know that a steady improvement had marked the work of the week. The guard and sentry duty was far from what might have been expected, while the military courtesy and saluting of officers was careless in the extreme.

An unfortunate episode, and one that must have marred the pleasure of the veteran colonel of the regiment, occurred on this afternoon. Insp. Gen. McGrath and the Post Adjutant, Capt. Shepherd, discovered that there were men on the pay rolls who were not bona fide members of the regiment. A quiet investigation proved the fact, the substitutes were ordered from camp and their names stricken from the pay rolls. A rigid investigation will be made as to this direct disobedience of State orders, and there is very little doubt that the offenders will meet their just deserts. On Saturday afternoon the regiment returned to New York, disembarking at the Mott Haven station and marching to its armory at 98th street and Lexington avenue.

SEVENTY-FOURTH REGIMENT.

With 32 officers, 529 enlisted men—361; absent, 1 officer, 77 men—75; aggregate, 439, Col. Geo. C. Fox commanding, the 74th Regiment, Buffalo, joined hands with the Eighth, for this the sixth week of New York's State Camp. The Buffalo regiment were well supplied with officers and non-coms. and

gave promise of a good week's work, but the first night in camp destroyed the illusion; it was "go-as-you-please," company officers seeming to have lost all control of their men. Things were much better on Monday morning, and the early morning's drill, "squads in extended order," were really good and much better than those in the 8th Regiment. Certainly, the corporals in the Seventy-fourth had been carefully instructed, and this first drill was pointed at as the index of the week, but the early work of Tuesday showed a decided falling off. The section leaders were not up to the mark. They were slow and careless in giving commands, and decidedly lax in seeing that even these commands were correctly executed. This drill was an all round surprise and a disappointment to the field officers and State officials. The forenoon drills of these first days, under Majors Harding and Wood, "battalion in closed order," were excellent, the several movements were clean and pronounced and the changes of front, even at the double time, well conducted, while the close column formations and deployments were all that could be desired. Of the two days' work it would be hard to discriminate as to excellence. Major Wood's battalion held the right of the line on Monday, while on Tuesday Maj. Harding's command were first in the field.

The early drills on Wednesday, "platoon extended," showed a woful lack of confidence on the part of officers, and almost from the first to the close their commands were incorrect, there were few explanations, and we are sorry to say, no corrections of errors. Col. Fox assumed command, but even under his personal supervision a very poor showing was made. It is to be hoped that our severe comments on these platoon drills, on almost every organization occupying the Peekskill camp this year, may have a salutary effect. With a satisfactory showing for the armory work of the winter there will be little left for us but to commend the day at the next State Camp.

The battalion extension of Thursday under Major Harding was very crude at the start. The general idea could not be grasped at once, and it required the combined efforts of Col. Hall, Major Stanpole, and the field officers of the regiment to hammer into the command, officers as well as men, what was to be expected from work under the new Drill Regulations. At the close, however, a good showing was made, and the work on Friday forenoon, when blank cartridges were used, Major Wood, proved that the week's work was not a failure. There was very little fault to find with this drill; squads, sections and platoons were held well in hand, while the several drillings by far excelled those of the New York City regiment. The general work of the Seventy-fourth during its week in camp was far from satisfactory, and the lack of armory instruction was plainly discernible.

One full regiment of twelve companies, which

might be easily accomplished by the consolidation of the two skeleton organizations in the City of Buffalo, would certainly increase the efficiency of the National Guard in the Western portion of the State. The guard and sentinel duty of the Seventy-fourth was open to severe criticism, while its general duty, observance to camp regulations, and compliance with the prescribed duty was far below the standard.

Thirteenth New York—Col. Austen.

The 13th battalion, 13th N. Y., occupied the parade ground at Prospect Park, Brooklyn, Saturday afternoon, July 23, for an extended order drill, under command of Maj. Luscomb. The battalion formed in two companies of 32 files and a reserve, the colors remaining with the reserve. The drill was for instruction only, yet the public interest in Brooklyn was so great that fully 4,000 spectators were on the ground watching the drill. Maj. Luscomb, Surg. Cochrane, Adj. Barlow and the bugler all-riders paraded mounted. Two other orderlies paraded on bicycles, and by the rapid manner in which they transmitted orders from the major to the firing line and supports demonstrated the value of the bicycle for this work.

The battalion was extended twice, first without using ammunition and for the purpose of correcting the errors in distance, usually resulting from armory instruction. During this extension there was too much distance between the firing line and supports and between supports and reserve, consequently the reinforcing squads could not reach the flank sections in time to join in the rush. At the close of this extension Maj. Luscomb assembled all the officers, pointed out the errors made and directed the corrections necessary. The battalion having reformed at the upper end of the ground, the first company under Capt. Wiswell was designated as "firing line," and the second company, Capt. Harold, as the reserve. Attack formation made and the line developed correctly. On the skirmish line firing by squads was followed by firing by sections, blank ammunition being used. Rushes by section were then ordered, the squads in support and from the reserve, which had taken battle formation, were thrown in at the double at each rush. After four section rushes, rushes were made by platoon. At this point the plan assumed the enemy's fire to have become effective and designated men began to fall. The ambulance corps came upon the field, bandaged the supplicants wounds and carried off the unfortunates in the several approved methods. The ambulance wagon, bearing the red cross flag, was driven furiously upon the field, followed by Surg. Cochrane at full gallop, and the spectators became so much excited that the guard and the police could hardly restrain them.

The rushes having concluded, rapid fire, to the charge, charge and assemble and rally, ended the drill. The benefit of such instruction is undoubted. The second extension was as near perfection as any work seen at Peekskill, and was the result of the immediate correction of the errors of the first extension. Maj. Luscomb's idea of taking up outdoor drills during the off year of the camp assignments, will help his battalion and secure better results than all the armory work possible in extended order. Platoon commanders at the drill were Capt. Jennings, Lieut. Rodgers, Brown, Hooley, Johnson and Cowen.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

CALIFORNIA.

SOME of the strictures of Capt. Barry, 1st Inf., Inspector

National Guard of California, appear to have hit the nail on the head to judge by late events in the regiments in San Francisco.

The Light Battery, 3d Artillery Regiment, was at Presidio on July 4, and some men were detailed for guard to keep the crowd away by order of the battery commander. The men, it appears, refused duty on the ground that light batteries are not subject to guard detail. They were much surprised on finding themselves before a court-martial shortly after, and the complaints against Capt. Coster are loud and long at what is considered an outrage.

Col. C. and G. 1st Infantry, National Guard of California, also are in trouble. For years they have been somewhat exclusive, and these two companies have been known as the Nationals, having a very nice armory on Union Square of their own, separate from the rest of the regiment. They lately sold the armory for a large sum and started to build a new one further out of town, when the colonel (Barry) informed them that they would have to be housed at the armory (just completed) of the regiment with the rest of the companies, as he did not deem it advisable for his regiment to be so isolated. Of course, much growling was indulged in the Nationals feeling grievously injured. The colonel has the support of the Governor and insists on his order being obeyed, and it is said, he will resign if the affair is not settled as he desires. Meanwhile both sides are waiting, and the feeling engendered is not conducive to the welfare of the National Guard of California.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

ILLINOIS.

CHICAGO, July 24, 1893.

The Ohio Guard will be well represented at the World's Fair this summer and fall, seven regiments of them having made arrangements to visit Chicago during that time. The Toledo Cadets, the separate company stationed at Toledo, led the way, having been encamped on Midway Plaisance during the past ten days. This company has attracted much attention from Fair visitors, and during their stay were one of the most interesting sights on the grounds. Almost every town of any size throughout the country has one or more companies of State troops in it, but soldiers mounted on bicycles are so far out of the ordinary that they are an oddity to most people. Capt. W. V. McMaken brought 61 men to Chicago, mostly at the expense of the men themselves. The State allowed them the regular camp pay for six days and \$2.40 each for transportation, but the expenses of each of the men were not less than three times this amount.

On July 15 the company gave an exhibition drill on wheels in front of the Ohio State Building, where they were reviewed by Adj.-Gen. Howe, of Ohio, and a number of Regular Army officers. The Regular Army officers were so interested in the possibilities of the bicycle as a mount for soldiers that they requested Capt. McMaken to give another drill for their benefit. This was done on Saturday, July 22, in front of the Administration Building, and although the company was greatly hampered by the immense crowd of people who persisted in crowding over the guard lines, the drill was a very creditable one.

Capt. McMaken is ably assisted in command by 1st Lieut. T. T. Waters and 2d Lieut. Frank S. Howells. The company own their own wheels, having paid \$3.50 for the first fifty, which number is increased as they are needed. The 2d Infantry, of Ohio, Col. Geo. H. Geyer commanding, will follow the Toledo Cadets, they going into camp just outside the fair ground on July 23. Following them will be the Second, First, Third, Fifth, Fourteenth and Seventeenth.

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Col. A. R. Calt and Capt. Lawrence B. Dimonda, both of the 14th Ohio, have been in the city several days completing arrangements for the encampment of their command. They secured suitable grounds at 11st street where they will go into camp Sept. 8 and remain until Sept. 15.

The 21st Infantry, Missouri N. G., stationed at Kansas City, will camp in Chicago Sept. 1. Major Fleming and Capt. Lechtman, of the Hale Zouaves, which is a part of the 81st, were in the city last week completing arrangements for their encampment. It is expected that a competitive prize drill will take place between the Hale Zouaves and the Chicago Zouaves during this encampment.

Adj. Gen. Ordert, of Illinois, has been assured by Director Gen. Davis, of the World's Fair, that the Illinois troops will be supplied with passes on Illinois day. This, it would seem, is treating the Illinois Guard better than the men from other States, all of whom have to pay the regular daily admission whether encamped on the World's Fair ground or not. The Toledo cadets paid 50 cents apiece for each man every day, and the men were required to pay an additional admission if for any reason they left the grounds during the day and had to return.

The 1st Infantry of this State is looking for new dress uniforms. The officers of the regiment consider the old gray uniform, that was destroyed with their army, as obsolete, and are working for something new. It seems that the uniform now most favored is a modification of a French officer's uniform of light blue, black trimmings and steel buttons. There are a few, however, who desire to replace the old gray so long worn by the New York 7th, and which has made the 1st Infantry of this State famous throughout the West.

It is understood that this regiment will, between now and Aug. 24, receive 500 new service uniforms from the State. If this is done it will equip the command in splendid shape. Fifty additional rifles were received last week and issued to the companies most greatly in need of them.

WRIGHT A. PATTERSON.

PENNSYLVANIA.

IMP. GEN. C. McKIMBEN in his annual report forwards the reports of the inspections of the various companies of the National Guard made by the brigade inspectors during the months of January, February and March, 1898. Gen. McKimben says: "The Guard as a whole shows marked improvement. A few companies from various causes have failed to maintain their former standing; I am assured that when these companies are inspected during the annual encampment they will be found to be fully up to the requirements."

The 10th Regiment leads in the ratings, but Co. H, 1st Regt., 1st Brigade, heads the division with 97.7 as the figure of efficiency. There are many companies approximating 90 in the "figure of efficiency."

In the cavalry squadron the Governor's troop leads with 81.5.

Bar. B. of Pittsburgh, leads the artillery branch with 78.1. Major Frank H. Sweeney, Inspector of the 1st Brigade, in his report, says among other things:

"I noted with much satisfaction increasing attention to the school of the soldier, especially the setting-up drill, the result of which was evidenced in the improved carriage of the men in and out of ranks."

"The school of the company, except the position of the rear rank, in loading and firing, is well understood. More attention, however, should be given to the interval, the men being inclined to touch elbows, as of old; and, although a recent decision of the United States Taft Board restricts its use to the school of the soldier, I would recommend that the left arm be raised at all dressings until the men have been thoroughly trained to the interval."

"The extended order is creditably executed by a large number of the companies; many of the non-commissioned officers displayed an excellent knowledge of this feature of the new drill, especially the use of the high rating. The Gray Invisibles are said to lack a knowledge of the new drill; otherwise they are commended for earnest work. The City Troop are highly commended, as are Battery A and Co. A, Naval Battalion."

Major Frank H. Patterson, Inspector 2d Brigade, reports the command in good condition and discipline, but adds: "In this, my seventh inspection of the commands of the 2d Brigade, I have been compelled to recommend several reassignments, and upon my special report one command has been disbanded and its officers discharged. The inspections made this year have been very thorough. Average time to each company, two and one-half hours. Every man presented for inspection was compelled to go through the ceremony: I accepted no excuses as to recruits. The companies have been rated on their merits, and if some are low they have themselves to blame."

Major J. Ridgway Wright, Inspector of the 3d Brigade, says: "There is to be found throughout the entire brigade a great improvement in guard duty, extended order, and the continual use of the setting-up exercise is self evident. There has been a marked improvement in the attendance.

There were absent this year four officers and 105 enlisted men; last year there were absent four officers and 713 enlisted men. Night work, high water, sickness contracted in the Inaugural Parade in Washington and absence from home caused the majority of the 195 absentees.

The tour of duty at Homestead was of great benefit to the brigade in the mobilization of the company, the battalion, the regiment and finally the entire brigade; it proved to its commanders what could be expected of it. It is true some men have no host on account of their being at Homestead, but their places have always and can always be filled at once. I recall one company where there are ten men waiting admission."

*They can procure it by mail from the ARMY AND NAVY JOURNAL for 50 cents.

NAVAL MILITIA.

South Carolina.—The battalion of naval militia now numbers 281, divided as follows: The Lafayette Division, 52 men; the Cherokee Division, 80, and the Beaufort Division, 75, which, with Lieut.-Comdr. Pinckney's staff, makes a total of 207. The officers of the battalion staff are R. H. Pinckney, lieut.-comdr.; W. G. Whaley, lieutenant and executive officer; E. O. Hall, lieutenant (junior grade) and paymaster; R. M. Leiby, M. D., lieutenant (junior grade) and surgeon; and the Rev. P. D. Hay, chaplain. The post of lieutenant and navigator is yet to be filled.

These three companies have provided themselves with a dress naval uniform, consisting of Navy blue fatigue pale-tot, with a silver foul anchor on each lap of the collar, and trousers of the same color. The cap is similar to the naval officer's fatigue cap. The buff leggings and buff woven cartridge belts furnished by the Navy Department complete the dress uniform for the men. The officers' caps are the Regular Navy officers' service caps, with coats like the men, with the addition of gold lace and shoulder straps.

A U. S. war vessel, it is expected, will be detailed to afford an opportunity of practice of the battalion in August.

Massachusetts.—On Tuesday July 18 about 2.30 P. M., the Massachusetts Naval Brigade, Capt. J. C. Foley Commanding, embarked for its first deep sea cruise. Co. B, Lieut. C. H. Brigham, of Boston; Co. A, Lieut. John Lawrence, of Boston; Co. F, Lieut. W. B. Hight of Fall River; Co. R, Lieut. H. D. Sears, of Lynn; Co. H, Lieut. Crossman, of Springfield; Co. G, Lieut. H. W. Hervey, of New Bedford, going on U. S. tug *Island* to the San Francisco; Co. C, Lieut. W. A. Orr, Co. D, Lieut. F. B. Wilmott, of Boston, going on the U. S. S. *Rock* to the *Mifflin* on Monday.

The first division were assigned their positions by Ensign E. H. Durell, U. S. N., and furnished gun crews for two 6-in. B. L. R., two 6 pdrs., two 3 pdrs., and one 1 pdr., and one 37 millimeter, the last two being in the fore top.

The first officer on the *San Francisco* to stand watch was Lieut. Brigham, who stood the first dog watch, with Lieut. Pike, U. S. N.

Wednesday was a beautiful day, with the following routine: Deck were washed and all (including ship company and marines) took part in a setting-up drill and formed in two lines on the gun deck, and at the signal from the bugler double-quick around the deck about four times. Bright work was done and drill at the guns took up the remainder of the morning.

On July 19, found the ship in 43 deg. 22' N. latitude. In afternoon had drill at guns, men assigned for fire quarters and instructions given to abandon ship and arm and away for distant service. In evening had sub-calibre practice with all the guns. Thursday off Cape Cod had secondary battery practice in the morning. Firing began at 1,400 yds. with 6 par. in the 1st division. Seaman H. S. Robbins, of Co. B, of Boston, with 6 pdr., in three consecutive shots made three 10's or 12 out of a possible 15. He also made a 20 in time of 20 percent., and to the 30 percent. of score, making 100 percent. figure of merit. In the afternoon practice was had with the 6-in. B. L. R. at a distance of about 2,000 yards, three bulls eyes being made. The *Mifflin* on Monday was also engaged in practice with her 10 in guns about five miles to the northward.

Friday was spent with fire quarters, general quarters and boats armed and away for distant service, the blue taken by each division being noted, outside of the usual drill. The men were formed in line as a battalion of infantry and drilled and inspected.

Saturday morning found the ship making for Boston, where she arrived just before 8 A. M., at which time 17 guns were fired in honor of the Secretary of the Navy, who had preceded the *San Francisco* up the harbor in the *Dolphin*.

The officers of the ship, having the day in charge special thanks are due for the uniform courtesy with which they treated the officers and men. Capt. Watson, Lieut.-Comdr. Heald, executive officer; Lieut. Barry, navigator, and Lieut. Pike, Potts, Grant and Kellogg and Ensign Durell, Med. Insp. Van Ruyven, Chief Boatswain, Lieut. Kilburn and Ensign Faust, of the admiral's staff, are particularly deserving of commendation for rendering the time spent on the ship so full of instruction to the men of the Naval Brigade.

It might be in order to report some of the observations made by the officers which were as follows, viz.: They were always answered with a "Sir," and found that in a majority of cases they only had to tell the men their stations and duties once.

Carrier pigeons were sent regularly from the ship with despatches to Fall River, Mass., and their departure was watched with much interest by all hands. The officers of the brigade on the *San Francisco* in addition to those enumerated were Capt. J. C. Foley, Lieut.-Comdr. A. B. Denny and the following staff officers: Surg. H. M. Cuts, Electrical Engr. Hayes, Adj. F. D. Williams and Ordnance Officer H. N. Sweet.

On the *Mifflin* on Monday, in addition to those already mentioned, were Lieut. F. E. Warkner, of Co. C; Lieut. T. H. Clapp, of Co. A, line officers, and Engr. A. B. Fry of the staff.

MINNESOTA.

Each of the three regiments, M. N. G., has had the advantage of an encampment at Camp Lakeview. They had excellent training while at camp, and became noticeably proficient in drill.

The 1st Regiment had rather the advantage of the other regiments, in that the artillery and the 84 U. S. Infantry were stationed at Camp Lakeview during its week of camp life.

The daily average attendance of each of the three regiments was as follows: First, 20 officers and 334 men; Second, 20 officers and 250 men; Third, 20 officers and 190 men; artillery, 10 officers and 65 men.

VARIOUS.

It is now thought the chances of the 7th N. Y. visiting Chicago are very slim.

Co. B, 14th N. Y., have decided to visit Far Rockaway Aug. 12, and Co. E, same regiment, will encamp at Silver Lake, Staten Island, from Sept. 1 to 4.

The funeral of Brig.-Gen. Wm. F. Abbott, Judge Advocate General of New Jersey, was held at Jersey City on Wednesday, July 23, a number of prominent officers and citizens attending.

Capt. Henry F. Perrine, U. S. A., retired, of Trenton, has been appointed to the office of assistant adjutant general, N. G. N. J., made vacant by the resignation of Col. S. M. Dickinson, with rank of colonel.

Gov. Lowell, of Kansas, on July 25, notified eleven companies of militia to be in readiness to move to the mining district, and this, coupled with the arrest of the leader of the strikers, has had a quieting effect, in spite of the importation of negroes from Alabama.

Co. A, 4th Regiment, N. G. N. J., marched from Jersey City to the Camp at Sea Girt, a distance of 45 miles. They left Jersey City July 20 and arrived at Sea Girt on the morning of July 24, the march occupying a little over three days. The camp turned out and gave them an enthusiastic welcome. The men wore Merriam packs, blanket rolls, campaign hats and leggings. There was not a straggler on the march.

2d Lieut. Robert Mear, Co. D, 7th N. Y., was unanimously chosen 1st lieutenant on July 26, to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Lieut. J. Watson Oshorn. 1st Serg. F. H. Clark will probably be elected 2d lieutenant. The promotion of Lieut. Mear was a well deserved one. A delegation from Co. D visited camp July 27, and presented Capt. N. B. Thurston, 2d Regiment Guard Instructor, with a pair of field glasses in recognition of his services in locating before the company on Guard Duty last spring.

In G. O. 13, July 24, State of New Jersey, Adj.-Gen. Stryker says: "It is with profound sorrow that the Governor and Commander in-Chief announce the death of Brig.-Gen. Wm. F. Abbott, Judge Advocate General of the State, which occurred at Jersey City yesterday. The decease of this brilliant young officer closes a life of present and prospective usefulness in the service, and deprives us all of a beloved comrade and faithful friend. General officers, State and Department officers, and the personal staff of the Governor will wear the usual badge of mourning for 30 days."

The 1st and 2d Batteries of N. Y., together with Light Bat. K, 1st U. S. Art., will go on a practice march to the State Camp at Peekskill on July 29. The first bivouac will be at Van Cortlandt Park, Saturday evening, July 29; the second at Croton Landing, the evening of July 30, and the camp will be reached Monday about noon. Major J. G. Oshorn, of the 18th N. Y., has formed a volunteer company from among the companies in the regiment, and will march to camp with the artillerymen. The Engineer Corps of Co. B, 1st N. Y., in charge of Sergt. Austin, have been authorized by Adj.-Gen. Porter to prepare a map of the surrounding country for five miles. The entire force will remain in camp until Aug. 5.

Col. Oliver C. Babynshell, commander of the 2d Regt., N. G. of Penn., has announced his intention of resigning from the Guard, and will ask to be placed on the retired list of officers. Col. Babynshell has been connected with the 2d Regt. since 1874, at which time he entered the Service as major. Lt. Col. J. Biddle Porter will probably be the successor of Col. Babynshell, being the next officer in command. Col. Porter, who was born in Paris, is an enthusiastic soldier. He was educated at a military school in France and is a man of independent means. He entered the Army as a private in 1861, and was discharged as a major in 1864, after having passed through most of the hard fought battles.

FORT RILEY, KANSAS.

TUESDAY, July 25, was a memorable day at Ft. Riley, being the occasion of the dedication of the monument recently erected to the memory of the members of the 7th U. S. Cav., who fell at the Wounded Knee and Drexel Mission fight during the Sioux outbreak Dec. 29, 1890. The dedication proper took place early in the forenoon amid imposing surroundings. The oration was delivered by J. R. Burton of Abilene. Thousands of visitors were present who enjoyed the military surroundings and the fine appearance of the artillery and cavalry troops.

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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

M. E. S.—No vacancies in Oregon or Washington will occur until 1899.

V. B.—There is no information at the Navy Department in regard to Michael Matthews, concerning whom you inquire.

X. Y. Z.—Major J. R. Gibson, surgeon, U. S. A., David Island, N. Y. H., was a member of the Examining Board at West Point.

S.—Lieut. A. D. Andrews, 5th U. S. Artillery, is still in service. Address 111 Broadway, New York City. He is on leave until Nov. 1, 1898.

W. C. asks: If a man is discharged as an artificer at the expiration of ten years continuous service, does he forfeit retained pay due him as a private? Ans.—No.

W. H. B. asks: Does a soldier after an absence of six weeks, and restored to duty without trial, forfeit his retained pay? Ans.—Yes; assuming, of course, that he deserted.

F. H.—Yes, you are eligible to enlist again. The latest regulation is that soldiers discharged from the Army by purchase cannot again enlist for two months from date of discharge.

Dutyman.—Patience; Rome was not built in a day, nor can the detached service list be reduced in a few weeks or even months. There is a determination to lop off, bit by bit, but steadily, all unnecessary—or what is termed "fancy"—details.

Ordnance.—Faint heart never won promotion. You seem so far as we can judge, to be eligible in point of qualification, as you are in the Service, for the position of ordnance sergeant. If you desire, we can send you a synopsis of what is necessary in respect to qualifications, etc.

Subscriber asks: Is a man discharged for disability, not contracted in the line of duty, and who enlisted as a recruit under a changed name, liable to get punished according to the new law, making fraudulent enlistments a military offense; and, if so, would he be liable to get dishonorably discharged? Ans.—Yes to both questions.

D. P. M.—Fort Leavenworth would suit your purpose, although you might not have so much leisure there as at some of the other posts. Write to the adjutant, 12th U. S. Infantry, Fort Leavenworth, and state your desire, and doubtless he will give you some valuable information. To obtain a commission from the ranks, practical work as well as theoretical study is necessary.

Wash. asks: How many vacancies are there in the appointments to cadet engineers to be filled by the President this year or next, and the limits of age? Ans.—The President does not appoint cadet engineers. At the end of each academic year the Academic Board selects as many cadets for the Engineer Division as there are vacancies in the Engineer Corps. These young men are then given a special course in engineering.

B. B. D. asks: If a boy enlists in the Navy for 21 and he is only 17; he deserts after two years of service, and after he is 21 he enlists in the Army. Can he be tried by Court-martial, and can he get pardoned for deserting the Navy by writing to the Secretary of Navy? Ans.—The fact of the boy being under age when he deserted does not bar him from trial by Court-martial should the Navy take the trouble to proceed against him. Furthermore, he is liable to trial by Court-martial and imprisonment for fraudulent enlistment in the Army, if he enlisted in the latter Service since Sept. 25, 1892. The safest plan is for the boy to ask the Secretary of the Navy for a discharge.

ORDNANCE NOTES.

The Hotchkiss Ordnance Company has devised a 2 pounder rapid-fire gun for National Guard service, which is well worthy of consideration. Its advantages are thus summarized: 1. In all ordinary emergencies it obviates the use of field artillery, by saving the time necessary to mobilize and transport it, and the expense of maintaining it. 2. It combines the effect of machine guns and field guns, and is superior to either for use against mobs. With canister it can sweep a street clean, and by the rapid fire of small shells can quickly demolish any barricade or building. 3. Four men without technical instruction or experience can handle it. 4. Infantry regiments with one of these guns as part of their equipment would double their moral and physical force in operations in support of civil authority. 5. Artillery companies, equipped with four or six of these guns, can be maintained at a nominal

expense, and used either as full batteries or in detachments.

Captain George H. Palmer, 16th Infantry, has been giving considerable attention lately to improvements in field equipment for troops. A complete outfit submitted by this officer is now on exhibition at the Ordnance Bureau. It consists of a half shelter tent, having triangular pieces attached to its ends, and, when set up, enclosing three sides; and when joined to a like half-tent forming a completely enclosed tent. It is rolled around the blanket, and carried across the body, on the shoulder. A canvas valise, about three feet long, six inches wide and two inches deep, narrowed to four inches at its middle, where it rests on the shoulder. It is closed by lacing along its side, and is carried on the shoulder, across the body, in combination, by means of certain straps, with the half-tent roll. It may be carried from 40 to 120 rounds of ammunition and clothing sufficient for field service. The equipment is of minimum lightness, simply constructed, of very few parts, and is put on and off instantly, without fastening or unfastening any of the straps. It has no shoulder or other bearing straps, to chafe and cramp the wearer. The weights carried are so distributed as to bear directly on top of the shoulders. The equilibrium of the body is maintained, and there is a minimum of discomfort or annoyance in carrying the equipment. The particularly new feature of Capt. Palmer's invention is the canvas valise and the method of distributing the weight. The Ordnance Department will probably refer the device of Capt. Palmer's to a board for report. The Bureau has recently ordered 500 Dodge blanket rolls and 500 Merriam's pouches, which will shortly be issued to troops for equipment and test.

One of the most interesting events of the year in the ordnance line will be the competitive test of small calibre rapid fire guns to take place under the auspices of the Army Ordnance authorities at Sandy Hook in November next. There will be five competitors as far as heard from, and others may enter before the trial takes place. The guns represented will be standard pieces already in use—the Hotchkiss and Driggs-Schroeder guns—and in addition the Seabury, Sponson and Nordenföld guns. The two last named have just been added to the list. All of these are six pounders. Most of the arrangements have already been made for the trials. They would take place at an earlier date but for the fact that the guns selected for the competition, or several of them, are on exhibition at the Columbian Exposition. The object of the trial is to determine the best all-around gun for Army work, such as the destruction of torpedo mines, etc. The programme adopted for the trial contemplates a series of firings covering 1,500 rounds, to be fired under the varied conditions necessary to develop the comparative merit of each weapon. At least 100 rounds will be fired from each gun; five to determine the velocity, ten for accuracy at various ranges from 1,000 to 3,000 yards, and the remainder for rapidity. This of course will be the most essential feature. For rapidity each gun will be given three separate trials. Each gun will also be required to fire a number of shots to ascertain the capacity of each piece to fire rapidly, and at the same time with accuracy. To determine this the guns will be fired for one, three and five minutes respectively for rapidity, and finally the time for firing 100 rounds will be noted. Detachments of men will be required to alternate every 25 rounds should the board deem this necessary. To test the guns in connection with accuracy ten aimed shots are to be fired rapidly at distances of 1,000 yards, one mile and perhaps a greater distance. The aimed shots are to be fired at targets in the same line and ranges of 500 and 1,000 alternately; also 10 shots alternately at about 500 yards range, the target to be placed 75 feet apart. To reach the pressure of excessive charges each gun will be loaded with five charges at once and gradually increased in number until the pressure makes 45,000 pounds per square inch. The long-promised competitive test of 47 inch rapid-fire guns will also take place this fall. Three guns, it will be remembered, were purchased for this purpose—the Hotchkiss, Canat and Armstrong.

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BIRTHS.

SYDENHAM.—At Fort Canby, Wash., July 17, to the wife of Lieutenant Alvin H. Sydenham, 5th Artillery, a son. Everything favorable.

MARRIED.

BURN—GIRARD.—At Fort Sheridan, Ill., July 10, Lieutenant ROSE L. BURN, 15th U. S. Infantry, to Miss FLORA GIRARD, daughter of Major A. C. Girard, Surgeon, U. S. Army.

KOOPS—ROGERS.—At St. George's Church, Newport, R. I., July 24, Lieutenant CARL KOOPS, 13th U. S. Infantry, to Miss BERTHA HALL, daughter of Captain B. H. Rogers, 19th U. S. Infantry.

DIED.

CLARK.—Drowned, near Fort Custer, Mont., July 21, 1st Lieutenant POWHATAN H. CLARK, 10th U. S. Cavalry.

DE LIMA.—At Mount Vernon, N. Y., CHARLES C. DE LIMA, an Acting Master, U. S. Navy, during the war.

GIBSON.—At 503 Halsey street, Brooklyn, July 25, DONOTHY, infant daughter of Lieut.-Commander Wm. C. and Aurelia H. Gibson, aged 11 months.

HERWIG.—At Burgundy, near Alexandria, of dysentery, after a short illness, Sunday, July 23, SUE LEE HERWIG, seven months old, daughter of F. A. Engineer H. Herwig, U. S. Navy.

OGDEN.—Drowned, near Hamburg, Mich., July 20, while on the wedding tour, Lieutenant CHARLES C. OGDEN, 13th U. S. Infantry.

TAYLOR.—At Charlottesville, Va., July 14, Lieutenant HIRSH TAYLOR, U. S. Navy, retired.

WALKER.—At Washington, D. C., July 20, General JOHN G. WALKER, formerly Captain, Mounted Rifle, U. S. Army.

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